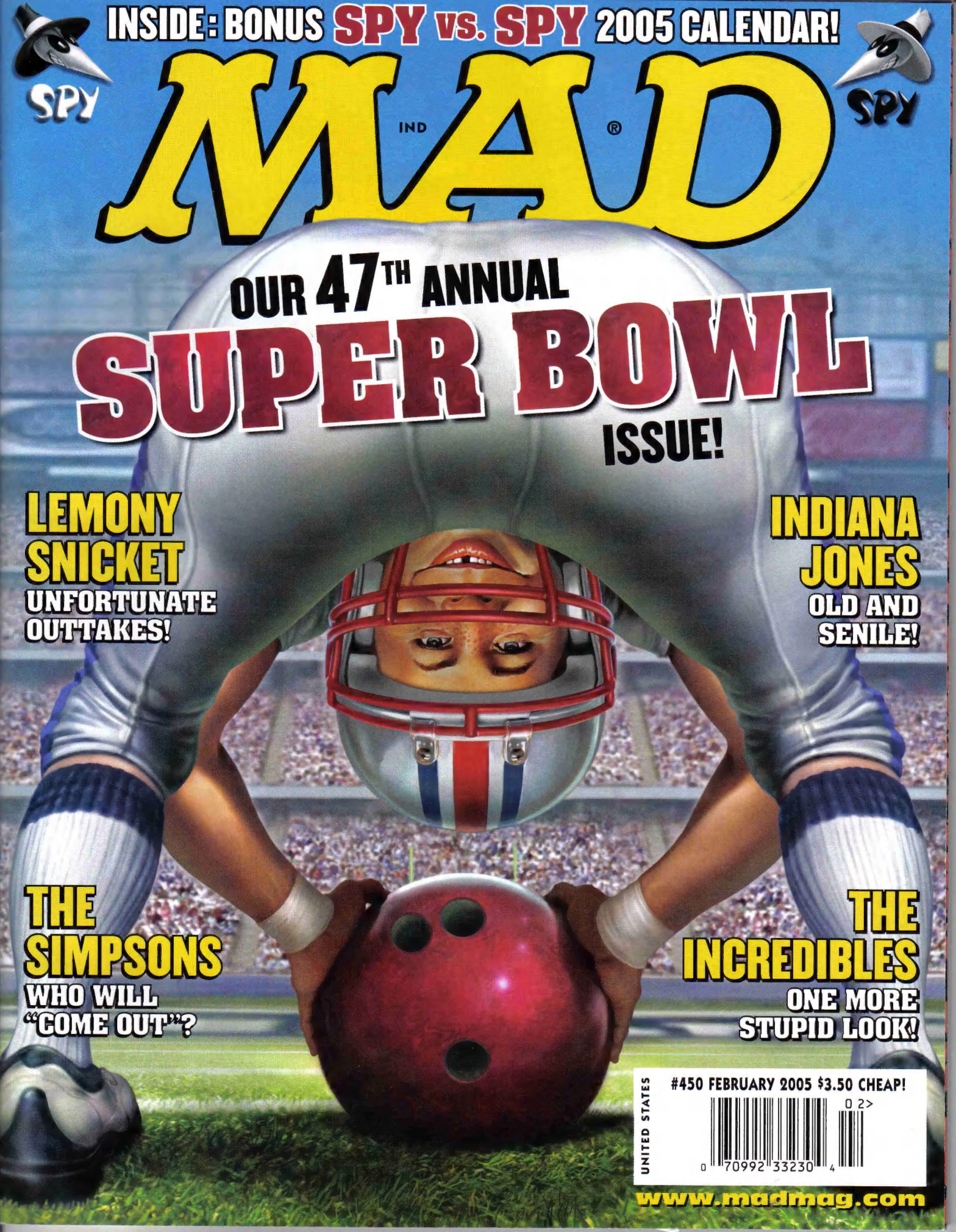
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DON'T CADET ON IT

I am a student at Camden Military Academy. It's a boarding school, so I don't see the public world very much. It gets pretty boring here with all the drills and uniforms, so I've just been laying on my bed and going to sleep at free time. Then I started subscribing to MAD and my family and friends send me MAD magazine from home. Now I'm reading your magazine and laughing with my friends instead of sleeping. Thanks for turning my dull routine life into an exciting and funny time.

Private First Class James McCaughan, Camden, SC

Jimmy Jam — Thanks for your inspirational letter. We hope you'll have your subscription forwarded when you're shipped off to Iraq next year. Your "dull, routine life" won't seem so dull and routine then, will it? God Bless America — and salute Headmaster Eric Boland for us! At ease, Private! —Ed.

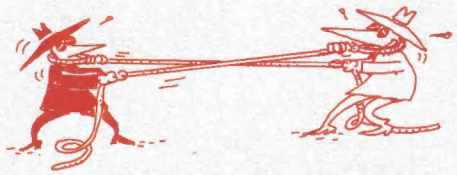
QUESTIONS FOR MADMAG.COM

The internet is filled with incorrect information, annoying pop-up ads and disappointingly-fraudulent nude shots of Britney Spears! Sometimes, however, the internet can be your friend, like when our readers end up doing Ed.'s job — such as this exchange on the MAD message boards on madmag.com:

Is it me or are there others out there that don't get "Monroe" —Fernando50

Monroe is an open-ended parable about the Sino-Russian War of 1905. Re-read the storylines with this in mind, and it will all make perfect sense! —D.D.

We don't know who you are, D.D. (we assume it's you, David Duchovny!) but we thank you for sparing us the time and anguish of answering this squirrelhead! —Ed.



ANTIQUES FREAKSHOW WITH HANS BRICKFACE

I have some vintage cologne/aftershave from the 60s! I purchased the gift set from an auction site and have been collecting the stuff for about a year or so. My dad remembers the commercials when he was growing up. I wanted to know if Hans would be able to give me a monetary value on this Hai Karate set, as I already know it attracts the ladies like a magnet! I purchased the set for about $40! Groovy man, just plain groovy!

Adam Kinsman, Universal City, TX

Next Of Kinsman — You asked for Hans' appraisal and here's his professional opinion:

Hai Karate...mmm, that really takes me back to the glory days of disco! I haven't smelled that heavenly scent since my time at New York's legendary discotheque, Studio 54. Oh, the celebrities, the music, the wild times! In fact, I remember standing in a torrential rainstorm as I waited to get into the hottest and chicest club in the world for the first time. When the doorman approached me, my nostrils filled with the heady smell of his cologne as he forcibly removed me from the line. Struggling in his headlock, I managed to ask him the name of the intoxicating musk he was wearing. You guessed it — Hai Karate! So, to answer your question, collector's value: $18; sentimental value: priceless. Please contact me if you are ever interested in selling.

By the way, folks, if you have an unusual item you want appraised, send a picture and a description to: Amy "The Big Appraiser" c/o MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, NY, NY 10019.

LAME'S ADDICTION

In the Letters Page of MAD #445, I was alarmed to see myself characterized as a "MAD-addicted Uncle" by my nephew, Adrian Appleman. I assure you that I am not addicted to MAD. Would you call me "addicted" simply because I purchase the latest issues as soon as they appear on newsstands? Or because I collect everything published by MAD ever since my uncle lent me his copy of *MAD For Keeps* in the early 1960s? Certainly it is not an "addiction" to read every word on every page, down to the tiniest Drawn Out Drama and most miniscule copyright notices on advertisements? And when I miss an issue, surely it is not "addiction" that causes my trembling agitation, cold sweat, clammy skin, nausea and auditory and visual hallucinations? Really, I'm sure that I could stop reading MAD any time I want to. Really! Therefore, I expect to see a retraction in the next Letters Page — if I happen to pick up that issue.

Lawrence Appleman, Marietta, OH

Big Apple — You read every word of every issue? Well, after reading your little manifesto, we found about 164 words that even the most *die-hard* fan will be unable to slog through! Thanks for writing and say hello to your nephew Adrian (if there is, in fact, a nephew)! —Ed.

GROUNDED BEEF

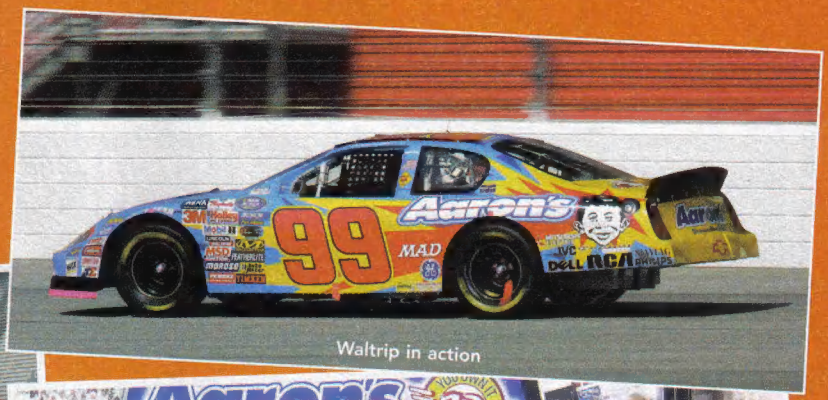
I have been grounded for the past three weeks and I have four more to go. It's a really long story. Lately I've been running out of ideas on things to entertain me. Then one day I found an old issue of MAD and it made my day exciting, just sitting in my room all day, reading it over and over. I was curious if you guys would mind helping a guy out. I wish I could be entertained with more of these great magazines of yours, 'cause my parents won't buy me any!

Arron Vinyard, Newport News, VA

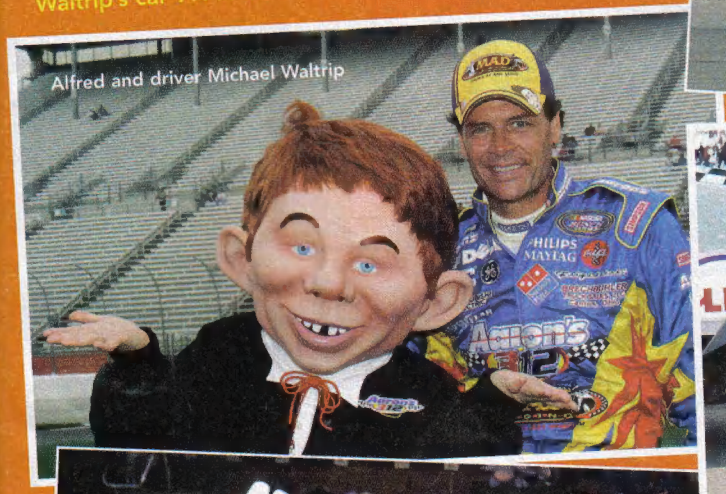
Arron To Go — We here at MAD have always had a soft spot for our wrongly-incarcerated readers. So we've devised MAD's patented "Underground Distribution Network" to deliver MADs to our detained young fans. Here's how it's going to work: on Tuesday, your regular mailman will be replaced by a gentleman named Rags — he will be wearing the regular postal uniform, with the addition of a pirate hat. *Do not* make eye contact with him or his parrot. He will ask you if you would like to buy some fusion beads, tell him no. He will then give you a subscription card for MAD — take it, fill it out and give it back to him. He will mail it, we'll process your subscription and you'll have reading material for the rest of your grounding! Thanks for writing and stay in trouble! —Ed.

MAD RACING — UNSAFE AT ANY SPEED

MAD was in full force at the Aaron's 312 NASCAR race, held at the Atlanta Motor Speedway on October 30, 2004. Festivities included an Alfred E. Neuman look-a-like contest and appearances by our very own Alfred E. Neuman and the diabolical duo of Spy Vs. Spy! Best of all, MAD even sponsored two cars — Kenny Wallace's 00 car and Michael Waltrip's car 99. In true MAD fashion, both cars lost!



Waltrip in action


Alfred and driver Michael Waltrip

Alfred, Spies and fans

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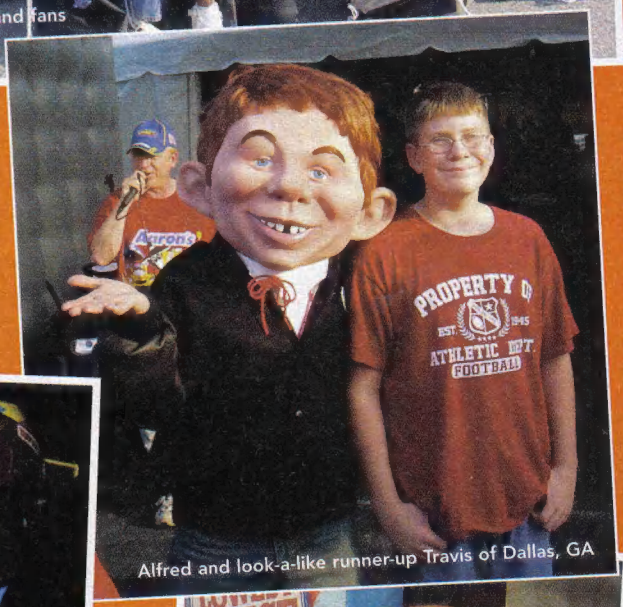
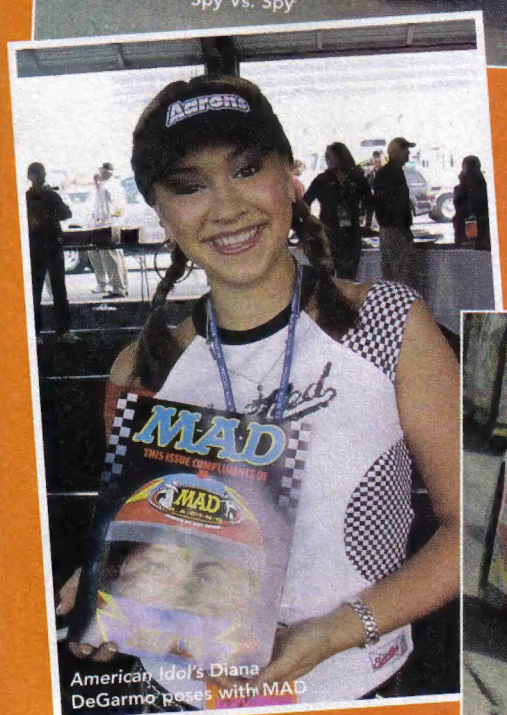
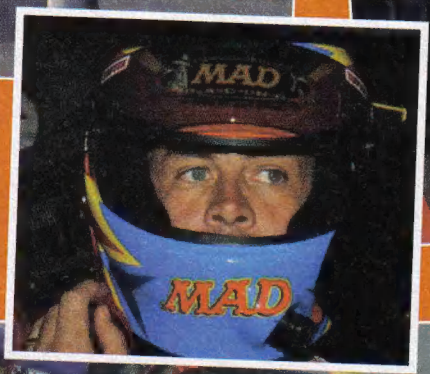
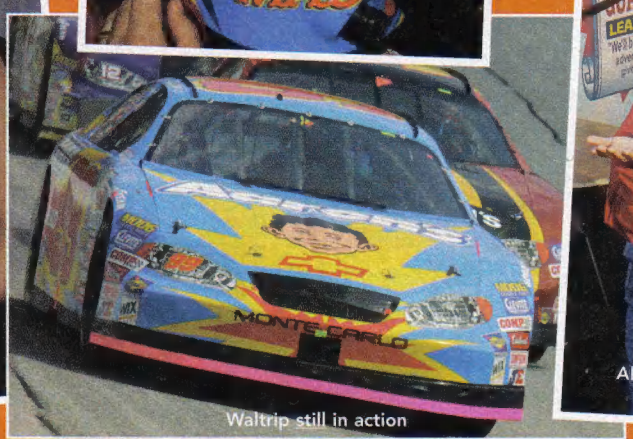


Alfred and look-a-like runner-up Travis of Dallas, GA



American Idol's Diana DeGarmo poses with MAD





Waltrip still in action

Alfred and look-a-like winner Roxanne from Atlanta, GA

BAD TO THE JOAN

Joan Of Arcadia star Joe Mantegna recently hoodwinked the rest of the cast into posing with the issue that contained our unholy spoof of their show. We haven't been this moved by an image since we thought we saw the face of God in a Cool Ranch Dorito! (Turns out it was just salsa!)

A god-awful shot of (l-r) Jason Ritter, Joe Mantegna, Amber Tamblyn, Mary Steenburgen and Michael Welch

A PICTURE'S WORTH A THOUSAND NERDS

In MAD #447 you had the pull-out poster that said "Put a NEW Idiot in the White House — Alfred E. Neuman for President"! I thought it was the best pull-out poster you ever had. That night I was thinking about what to do with it and then it hit me, I'm going to put it in my locker at school. The next morning I put it in my backpack with some tape and I knew people would think it would be funny. The whole day, people and teachers told me it was the greatest and no one ripped it down. The next day it was up till the end of 4th block. When 4th block was done, I went to my locker and it was gone! That whole day I was mad at the lowlife that took down my Alfred sign. I don't know what to do, please help me!

Kyle Letteney, Syracuse, NY

Letteney Entertain You — We're sorry for your loss, however, we think we've hit upon a solution to your problem. Below, please find a clip-n save, wallet-sized version of that very poster. Granted, you'll probably lose it when your lunch money gets stolen tomorrow, but hopefully it will last beyond 4th block! —Ed.

THE BIG TEACHER'S PET

I used a copy of your magazine in the beginning of the school year for a language arts project. I had not prepared at all for this, so on the morning that the project was due I was frantically looking through my house for something to pass in. Then, looking on my desk, I saw the idiotic face of Alfred E. Neuman on the cover of a MAD magazine. Seeing that I was about to miss my bus, I snatched up the magazine and headed off to school. When it was time to turn in my "project" later on that day, she didn't seem to notice that I had handed her a MAD magazine and she said absolutely nothing to me. Needless to say, I got an F on that project. It is now months after the project was due, and I still haven't gotten my magazine back! MAD, what should I do to get my magazine back?

Kris Baumann, Marietta, OH

Kris And Tell — Have no fear, you'll have plenty of time to get the magazine back when you're forced to repeat the same grade next year! See you on the short bus! —Ed.
P.S. Readers, if you have a funny story involving teachers and MAD, send them to: Amy "The Big Teacher's Pet" c/o MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, NY, NY 10019.

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—Game Pro

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—Xbox Nation

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—Electronic Gaming Monthly

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—Vogue

"That's...well, that's just weird."
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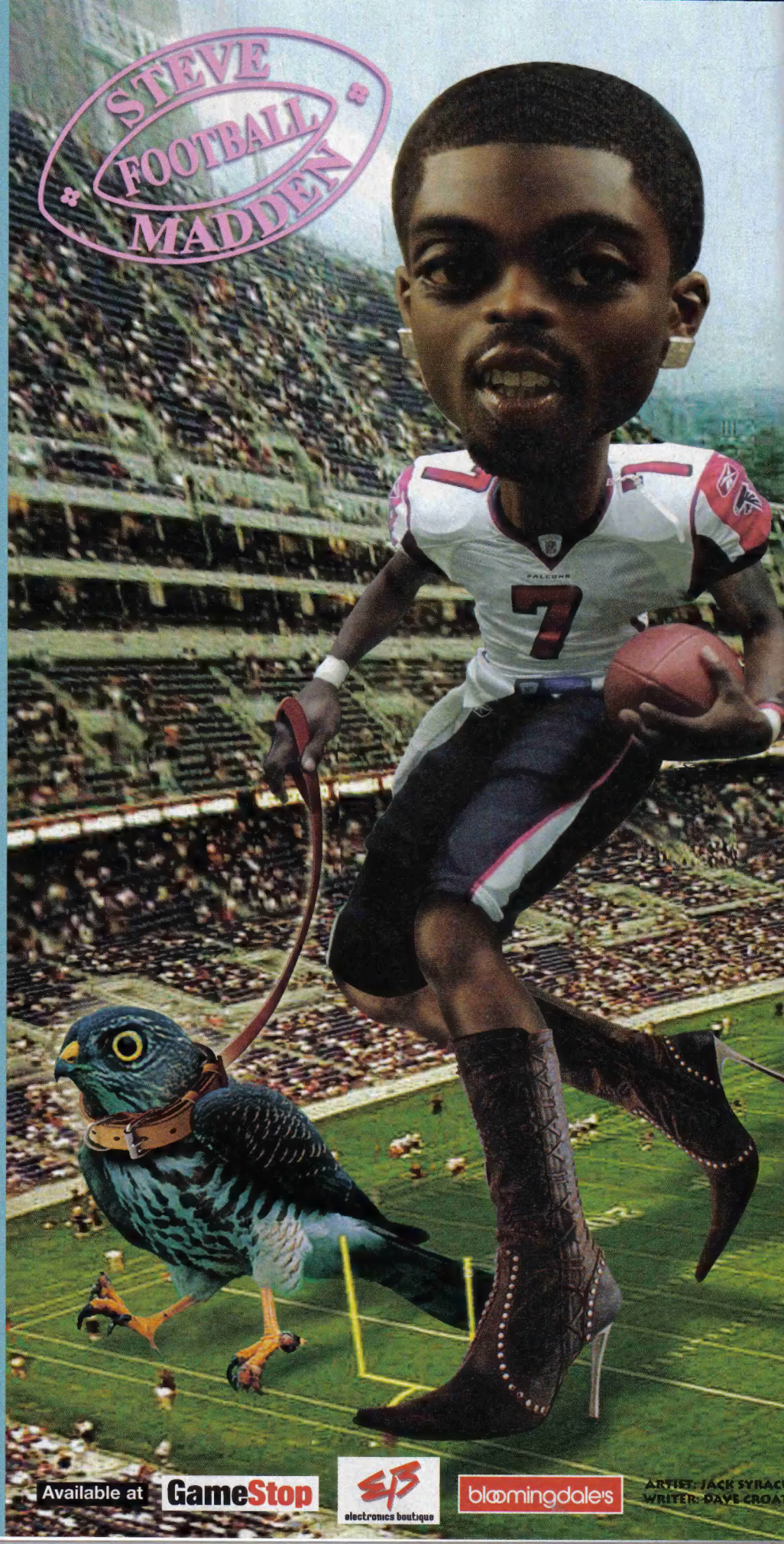

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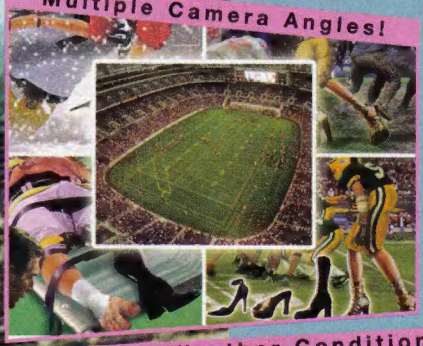

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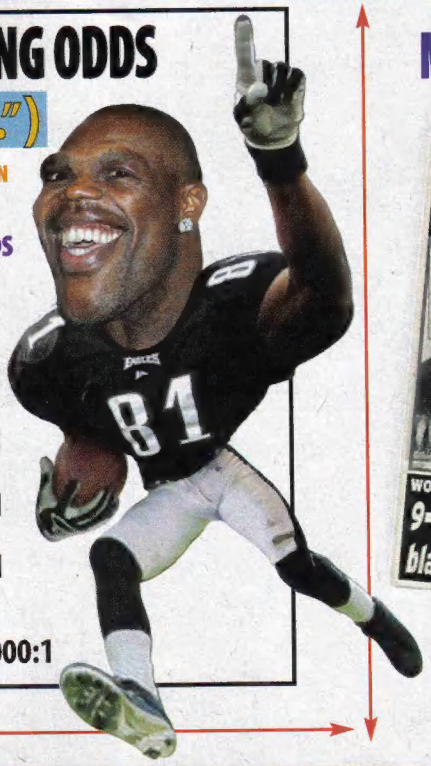
CELEBRITY CAUSE-OF-DEATH BETTING ODDS

This month: TERRELL OWENS ("T.O.")

OUR TEAM OF CRACK ODDSMAKERS GIVES YOU THE LATEST VEGAS LINE ON HOW ONE OF TODAY'S BIGGEST STARS WILL MEET HIS DEMISE!



CAUSE OF DEATH	ODDS
Knock-down, drag-out fight with Deion Sanders over which of them is the model for "Leon," the egomaniac football player in the Budweiser commercials	2:1
Revenge killing by Pop Warner coaches, for inspiring all their 8-year-old players to act like immature a-holes on the field	5:1
Vein-popping tantrum while temporarily unable to make himself the center of attention	7:1
Brutally slain by a livid Rosa Parks for comparing his trade problems with her civil rights struggles	12:1
Fatal pulled hammy when he tries to add a finishing flourish to his end zone sit-up stunt	16:1
Hit by champagne bottle during celebration of Super Bowl win that occurred solely because of his selfless, team-oriented play	57,498,500,000,000,000:1

MAGAZINE CORRECTIONS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

THIS JUST IN: ED ANGER RUSHED TO HOSPITAL!
WEEKLY WORLD NEWS
WORLD'S SMARTEST APE GOES TO COLLEGE
INSIDE: How YOU can chat with Frank the chimp on the Web!
Chimp scores 150 on IQ test and gets scholarship to a state university!
WORLD'S YOUNGEST
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In our issue dated October 11, we reported that the entire U.S. Congress is mind-controlled by beings from Saturn's moon of Ganymede. Subsequently, it has been pointed out to us that Ganymede is a moon of Jupiter, not Saturn. We regret the error. We still stand by the part about extraterrestrials controlling the minds of Congress, though.

BITTERMAN

Thanks again for driving us to the movies, Uncle Joe.
Yeah, it's really nice of you to take us all the way to the mall, Mr. Bitterman.
So...this is your first date, huh? What an exciting time in adolescent life.
But the excitement wears off in a few years and the fresh scent of love is replaced by the stagnant stench of an undigestible intolerance for each other. Sure, you can look in each other's eyes now and find infinite passion and understanding, but, in time, the very sight of each other will make you physically ill.
I think we should see other people.

THE PUZZLE NOOK

Which of the 5 choices best completes this phrase?

STOP THE _?_ SSES!

1. PRE___
2. TELEMARKETING BUSINE___
3. GLOATING OF THE "RED STATE" MA___
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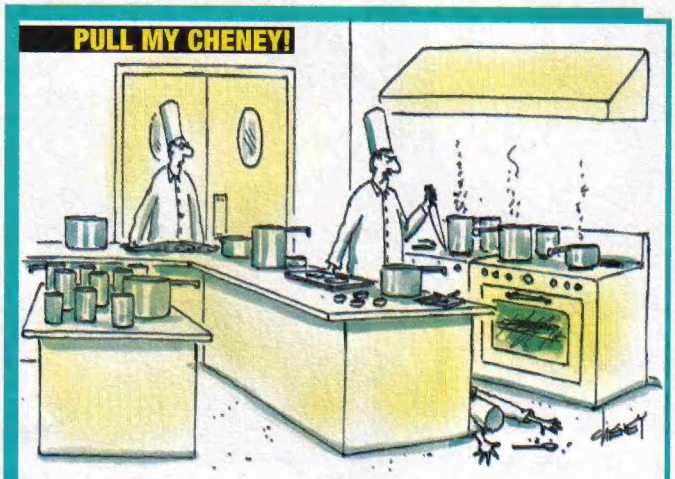
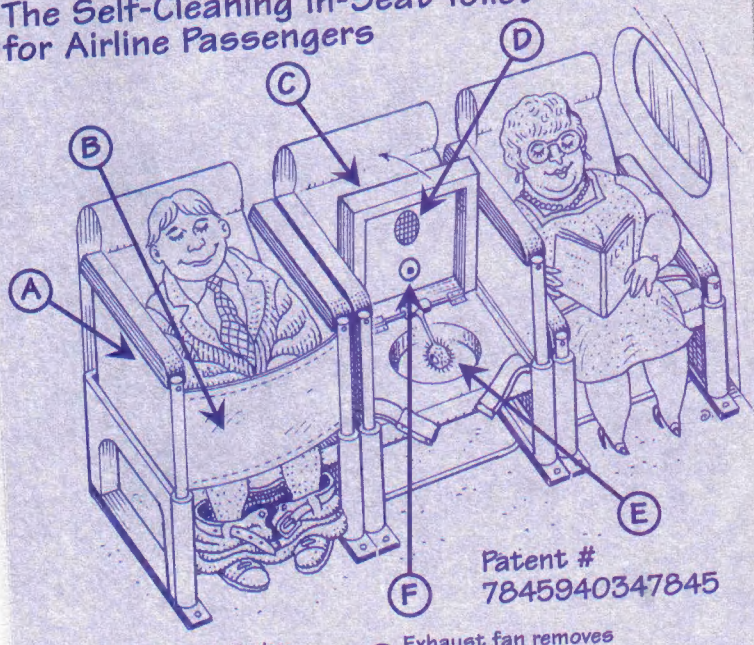


"IF YOU'RE FINISHED WITH THAT KNIFE, I'D LIKE TO GET STARTED ON THESE SEA BASS FILLETS."

PATENT OF THE MONTH

The Self-Cleaning In-Seat Toilet for Airline Passengers



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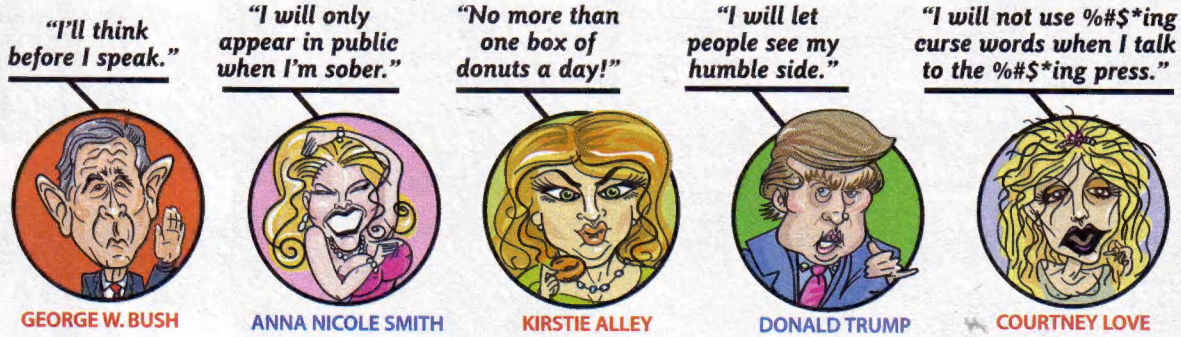
- (A) Sides of armrest rise for passenger privacy
- (B) Front screen pulls out and across for added privacy
- (C) Hinged cushion reveals toilet and accoutrements
- (D) Exhaust fan removes unpleasant odor
- (E) Gentle whirling brush eliminates need for toilet paper
- (F) Spigot sprays powerful disinfectant after cushion slides back

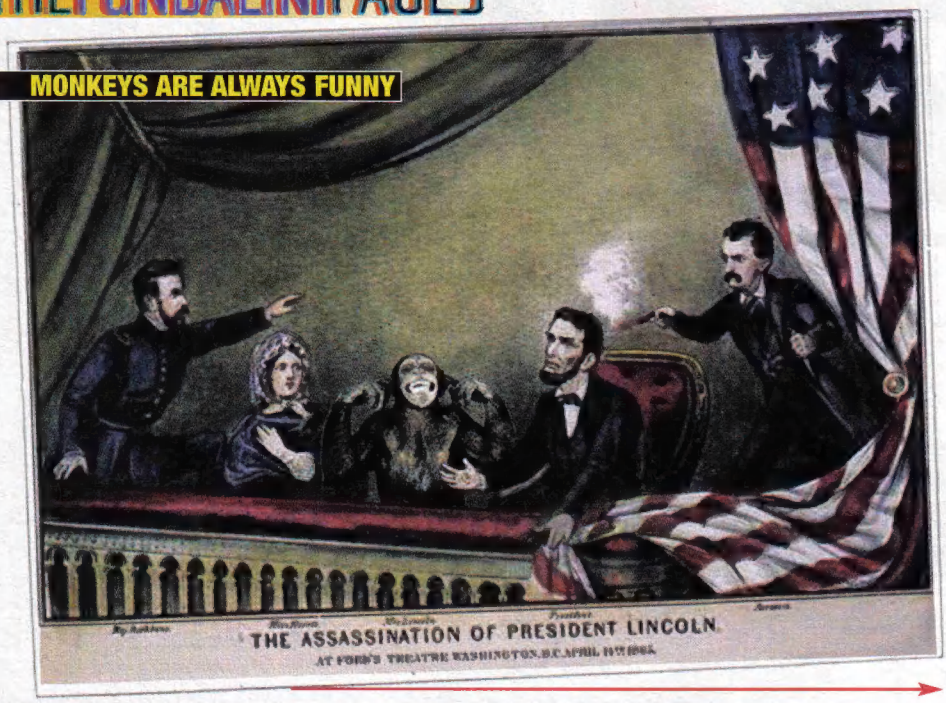
FUNDALINI FOTO NEWS: TARA REID'S WARDROBE MALFUNCTION

Yes, I *am* a bit chilly. How did you know?
P. Diddy, what do you mean, "thanks for the birthday present"? I haven't given it to you yet!
Good news, Tara! I just got a call — they want you for this year's Super Bowl halftime show!

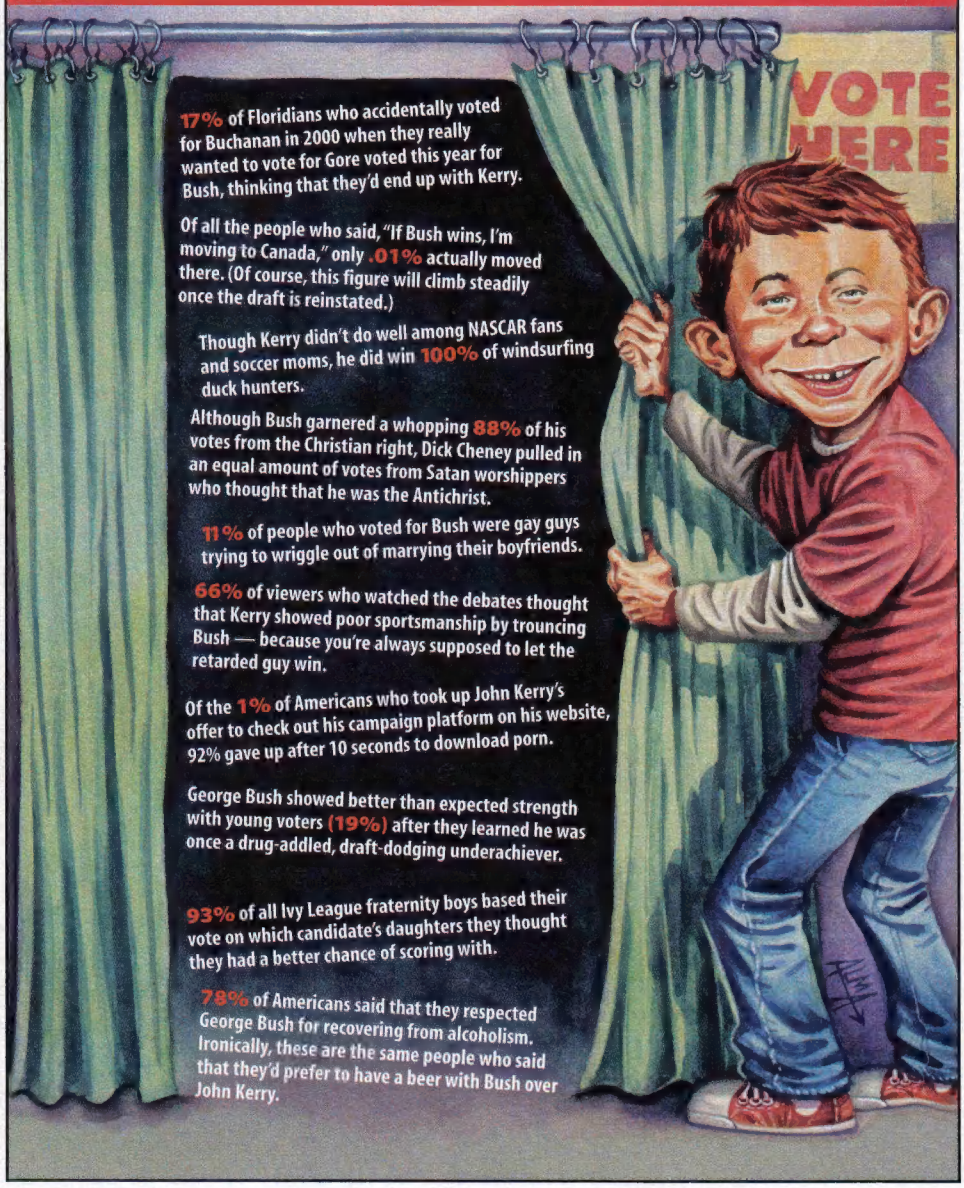
CELEBRITY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN BROKEN


"I'll think before I speak."
GEORGE W. BUSH
"I will only appear in public when I'm sober."
ANNA NICOLE SMITH
"No more than one box of donuts a day!"
KIRSTIE ALLEY
"I will let people see my humble side."
DONALD TRUMP
"I will not use %#$*ing curse words when I talk to the %#$*ing press."
COURTNEY LOVE

MONKEYS ARE ALWAYS FUNNY



LITTLE KNOWN POST-2004 ELECTION STATISTICS



17% of Floridians who accidentally voted for Buchanan in 2000 when they really wanted to vote for Gore voted this year for Bush, thinking that they'd end up with Kerry.

Of all the people who said, "If Bush wins, I'm moving to Canada," only **.01%** actually moved there. (Of course, this figure will climb steadily once the draft is reinstated.)

Though Kerry didn't do well among NASCAR fans and soccer moms, he did win **100%** of windsurfing duck hunters.

Although Bush garnered a whopping **88%** of his votes from the Christian right, Dick Cheney pulled in an equal amount of votes from Satan worshippers who thought that he was the Antichrist.

11% of people who voted for Bush were gay guys trying to wriggle out of marrying their boyfriends.

66% of viewers who watched the debates thought that Kerry showed poor sportsmanship by trouncing Bush — because you're always supposed to let the retarded guy win.

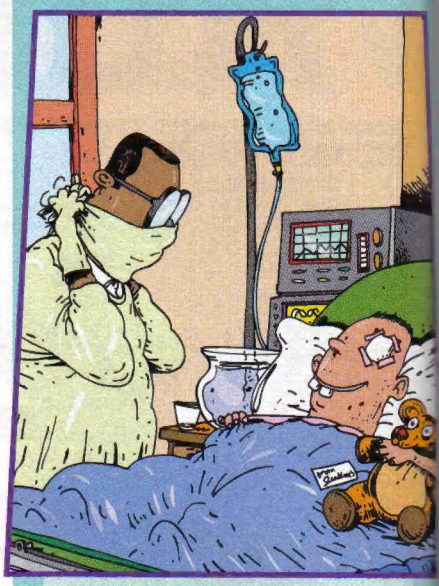
Of the **1%** of Americans who took up John Kerry's offer to check out his campaign platform on his website, 92% gave up after 10 seconds to download porn.

George Bush showed better than expected strength with young voters **(19%)** after they learned he was once a drug-addled, draft-dodging underachiever.

93% of all Ivy League fraternity boys based their vote on which candidate's daughters they thought they had a better chance of scoring with.

78% of Americans said that they respected George Bush for recovering from alcoholism. Ironically, these are the same people who said that they'd prefer to have a beer with Bush over John Kerry.

MELVIN & JENKINS' GUIDE TO HOSPITAL VISITS



Jenkins puts on a green smock and face mask whenever he visits the children's wing at the hospital to avoid spreading germs.

Melvin dons a green smock and face mask too, but it's so women can't pick him out of a police lineup for impersonating a gynecologist.

FRIENDS OF FUNDALINI

Charles Akins
Ray Alma
Tom Cheney
Dick DeBartolo
Desmond Devlin
Evan Dorkin
Garth Gerhart
Al Jaffee
Jeff Kruse
Barry Liebmann
Patrick Merrell
Kevin Pope
Jack Syracuse
Mike Snider

Are you bored with half of what's on TV? Do you think the writing is half-assed? Do you have half a mind to skip this intro? Too late.

TWO and a half

I'm **Chilly Hopper, stud muffin!** I'm a successful **jingle writer** and **freewheeling bachelor!** I have a **Malibu beach pad,** I drive a **Jag** and I'm **cool** and **laid back!** Up until recently, my **biggest problem** in life was **waking up** in the morning and **deciding** which **silly shirt** to wear! Then my **brother's wife** left him for **another woman!** Normally, I'm **in favor** of that sort of thing, but in **this case** it meant that my **nerdy brother** and his **10-year-old son moved in** with **me!** They say **divorce** is **hardest** on the **children!** No one ever **talks** about **what a bitch** it is for the **uncle, though!**

I'm **Jade!** Chilly's my **cool uncle!** I'm **learning important lessons** of **life** from **him!** He's taught me how to **mix margaritas,** how to **deal poker** and he once pulled me aside and told me, "Remember, kid, **living** with **genital herpes** can be a **hassle!"** Oh, yeah, I have a **father,** too! He's okay, but he's **not as cool** as **Uncle Chilly!** Truth be told, he's **not even** as **cool** as **Uncle Ben!**

I'm **Alas!** I'm a Sherman Oaks **chiropractor** with none of their **usual charisma! Obviously** I'm **nothing** like **my brother, Chilly!** He has more **sex** in **one evening** than I had in **12 years** of **marriage!** I'm **going** through a **rough patch** in my **life** right now! My **ex-wife** is a **lesbian** and I **don't date much!** I have a **patient** whose **back goes out** more than I do! I guess I've been a **pathetic, geeky loser** ever since **childhood** when my —

I'm **Shrewish!** For **12 years,** I was **married** to **Alas,** then **I announced** I was a **lesbian** and **threw him** out of the **house!** He was a **neat freak!** He was **always cleaning!** In fact, one of the **main reasons** I **came out of** the **closet** was because **Alas** wanted to **vacuum** and **organize it!** I'm going through my own "**issues**" right now. My son, **Jade** is **living** with his **Dad** and **uncle** in **Margaritaville** with **half-naked women running around!** That's **terrible!** If **anyone** should be **living** at the beach with **half-naked women running around,** it should be ***me!***

I'm **Arouse!** I'm the **hot-looking, mentally unbalanced chick** who **lives** on the **deck!** I'm the crazy **sitcom neighbor!** I'm like **Kramer,** but I'm **much easier** on the **eyes!** During **various episodes** you'll see both my **mind** and my **clothing** start to **unravel!** Too bad for **you** if you **don't catch** the **right episode!**

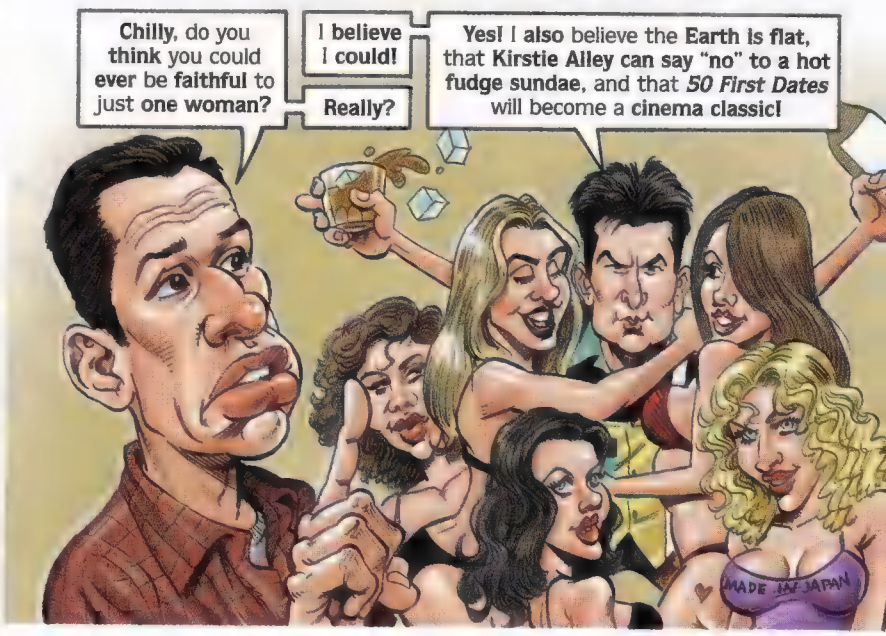
ARTIST: TOM RICHMOND WRITER: ARNIE KOGEN

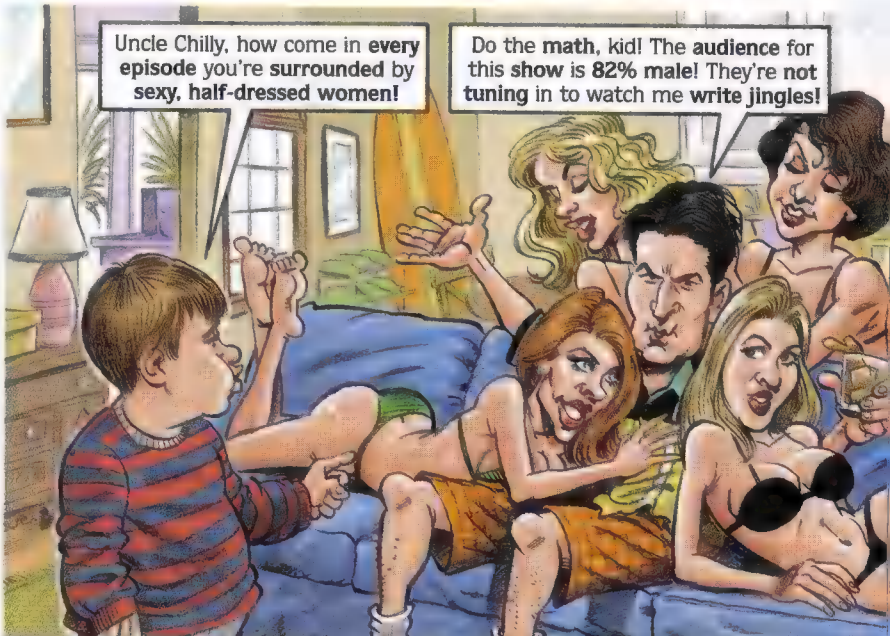
WITS

Oops! Did I barge in? That's what I do! I'm Evian Hopper! A control freak mom! There have been many "controlling mothers" on TV, but none have cut the munchkins off their sons like I have! My boys are nothing like each other. Not like Frasier and Niles! Those two brothers have identical personalities! And one more thing — they're FUNNY! It's amazing how two seeds in my belly could turn out so very different! It's like I slept with Martin Sheen and then took a roll in the hay with Woody Allen!
I'm Burpa, the wise-cracking housekeeper! I really don't understand this family! They're all wackos, all spoiled, all have issues! They all think they're in a bad place! That's nonsense! They're all in a good place! On Monday nights following Everybody Loves Raymond!

I know you're upset that your mom's gone — every kid needs a mother figure!
It's not that I don't have one...

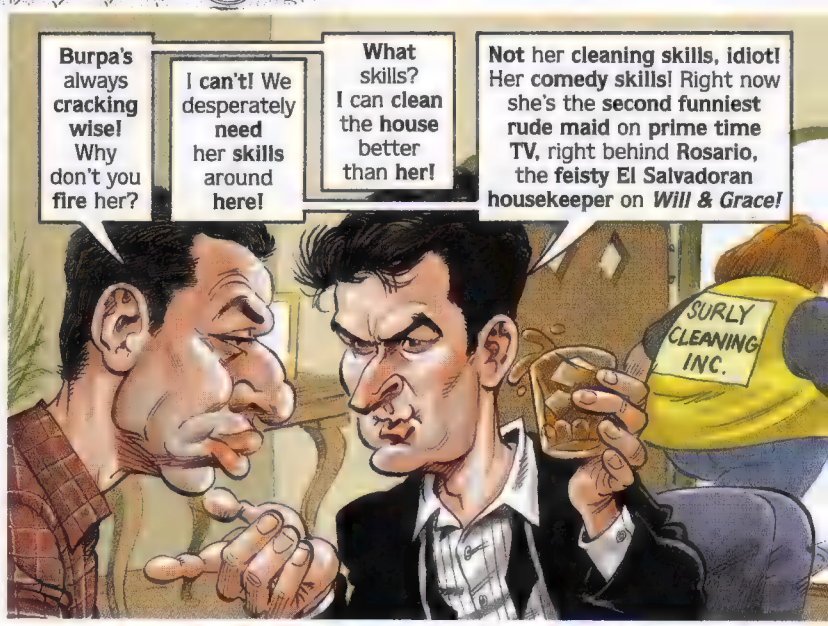
I just wish it wasn't my dad!
I've mended your sweater, I made you sandwiches, I packed you a doily...

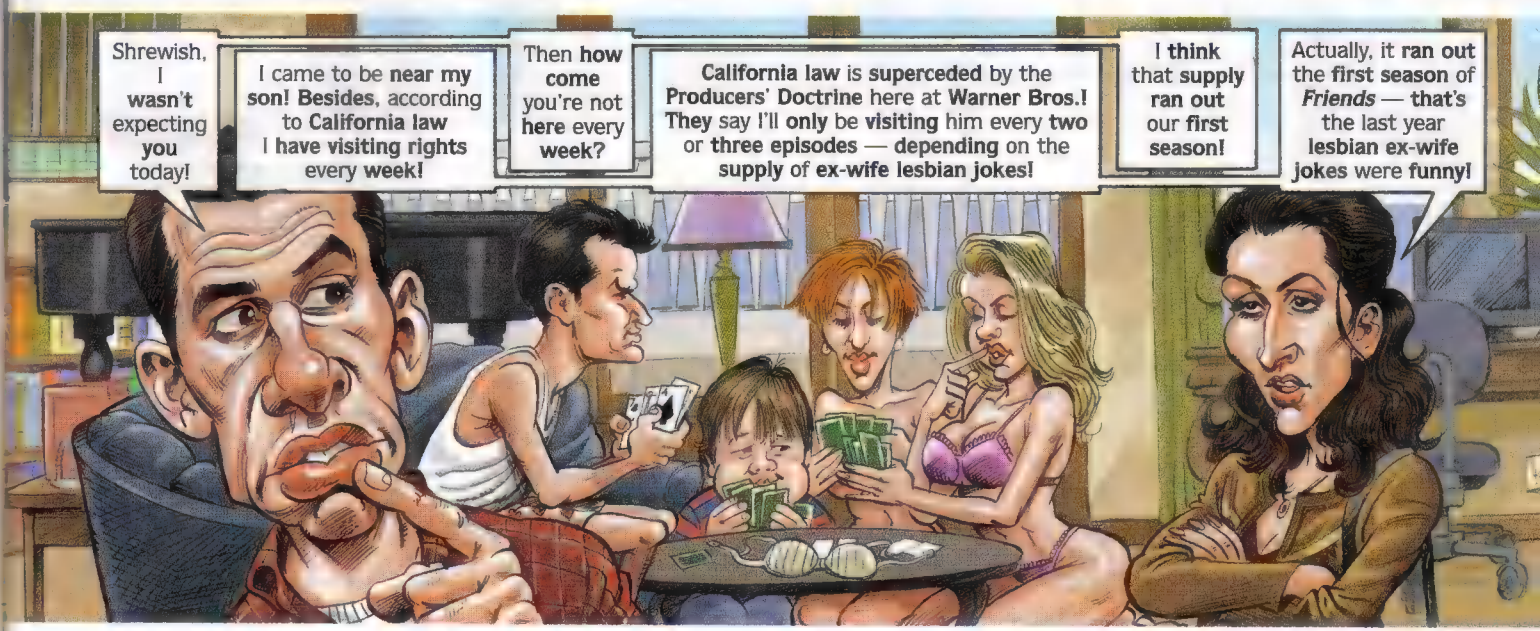

Chilly, do you think you could ever be faithful to just one woman?
I believe I could!
Really?
Yes! I also believe the Earth is flat, that Kirstie Alley can say "no" to a hot fudge sundae, and that 50 First Dates will become a cinema classic!
MADE IN JAPAN

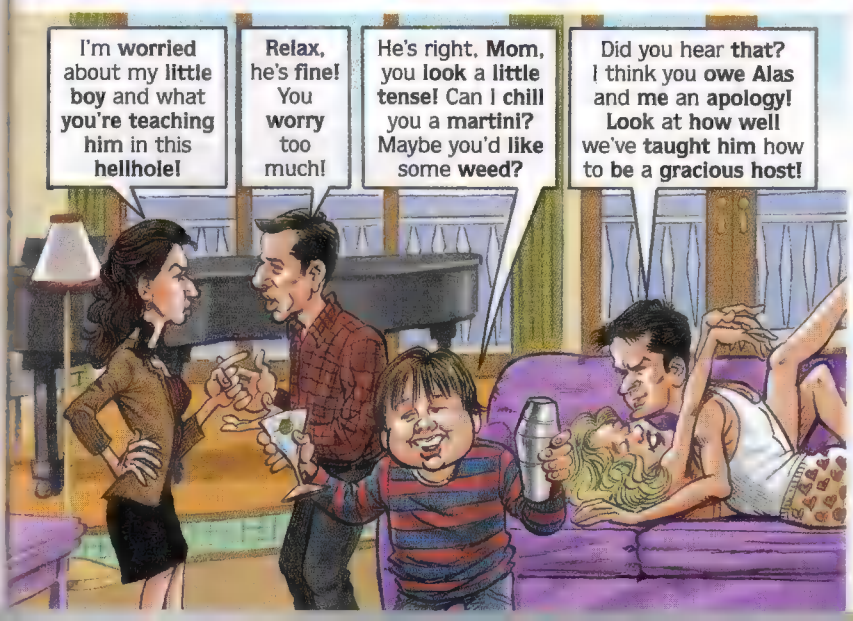

Uncle Chilly, how come in every episode you're surrounded by sexy, half-dressed women!
Do the math, kid! The audience for this show is 82% male! They're not tuning in to watch me write jingles!

I've been thinking! It's about time you learned the facts of life! I think you've reached an age where you're old enough to know about women!
For God's sake, Chilly, I'm 42!
Hey, you've been out of the dating scene for quite some time! It's changed! Women are into "feelings" now! Of course, the trick is to ignore this!
The reason you're having trouble with math is the way they pose the problems! Trains and planes are boring! Try thinking about it this way: If a bachelor leaves the Hamptons in a Mercedes driving 82 miles per hour and, at the same time, in the opposite direction, a bevy of naked showgirls leave Vegas in a Porsche Carrera doing 90, at what point will they—
Whoa, wait just a minute!
You can't stop us now! We're in the "Home Schooled by Uncle Chilly" episode!
MODES MOUSE
MAUI
COUCH POTATO CHIPS
Your dad is right, kid! You're better off with a public school education! You can learn things there that you'll never experience here!
You mean math, history, science?
I mean meeting one of those hot, loony 28-year-old teachers that like having sex with their teenage students!
MATH
BIOLOGY
Here, I got you a new lunch box!
Cool. What is it? Spider-Man? SpongeBob? The Incredibles?
It's the Girls Gone Wild lunch box! Wait'll you get a load of the thermos!

Oh, am I wiped out! I pulled an all-nighter!
That's what happens when you spend an evening of boozing and broads!
Boozing and broads? Ha! He was at the piano working on a jingle! He practically busted a blood vessel in his brain trying to find a rhyme for "Krispie"!


Burpa's always cracking wise! Why don't you fire her?
I can't! We desperately need her skills around here!
What skills? I can clean the house better than her!
Not her cleaning skills, idiot! Her comedy skills! Right now she's the second funniest rude maid on prime time TV, right behind Rosario, the feisty El Salvadoran housekeeper on Will & Grace!
SURLY CLEANING INC.


Shrewish, I wasn't expecting you today!
I came to be near my son! Besides, according to California law I have visiting rights every week!
Then how come you're not here every week?
California law is superceded by the Producers' Doctrine here at Warner Bros.! They say I'll only be visiting him every two or three episodes — depending on the supply of ex-wife lesbian jokes!
I think that supply ran out our first season!
Actually, it ran out the first season of Friends — that's the last year lesbian ex-wife jokes were funny!


I'm worried about my little boy and what you're teaching him in this hellhole!
Relax, he's fine! You worry too much!
He's right, Mom, you look a little tense! Can I chill you a martini? Maybe you'd like some weed?
Did you hear that? I think you owe Alas and me an apology! Look at how well we've taught him how to be a gracious host!

Hello, young man!
You're the nutsy nympho neighbor that lives out on the deck! Uncle Chilly says you may be mentally unbalanced!
Your Uncle Chilly wears hideous short pants, composes songs about nuts and flakes and would have sex with a vacuum cleaner! Actually, I could be the sanest adult around here!

Okay, let's take attendance: the wacky neighbor, the playboy bachelor, the wimp dad, the precocious 10-year-old! Are there any TV cliché characters we've missed?
Where are my two idiot sons?
Ah, yes, the tough-as-nails mom!
Oops! Mom's here!
Oh, great! Get ready to have all the fun sucked out of our lives!
Hello, boys! Have I told you both what bitter disappointments you are?
You've told us every week, Mom!
But I've never told you in this outfit! Isn't it darling?
Grandma, Uncle Chilly says you're the "Queen of Mean"!
Well, let's just say I'm a strong-willed, assertive woman!
Assertive!? You're Dick Cheney in a skirt!
This has gotta be hell for the viewers! First they have to sit through the meddling mother on Everybody Loves Raymond, followed by this overbearing broad! CBS ought to bill this as "The Ballsy Mom Hour"!
Folks, let's stop and review who the female figures in my life are: a lesbian mom, a control-freak grandma, a wack-job neighbor, and a crowd of beach hookers! Yeah, I'll be growing up with a real normal outlook on women! Normal for a serial killer!
I have a court order to take Jade back!
On what legal grounds?
The court has declared that no 10-year-old should reside in a beach pad that also includes naked volleyball and bringing barely legal girls across state lines for the purpose of pole-dancing!
That's not true! The girls never crossed state lines!
You can't take Jade away from me! I'll fight this! I'll use every cent I have to battle you! I want Jade here!
Wow, Dad! You and Uncle Chilly really do love me!
It's more complicated than that! There's a bigger issue here! If your mom takes you away, that leaves your dad and me alone! And you know what that means!
What?
Two middle-aged men who are opposites, forced to share an apartment? It's called The Odd Couple! It's been done before — and better! We're doomed! Don't leave us, half man! Don't ever leave us!

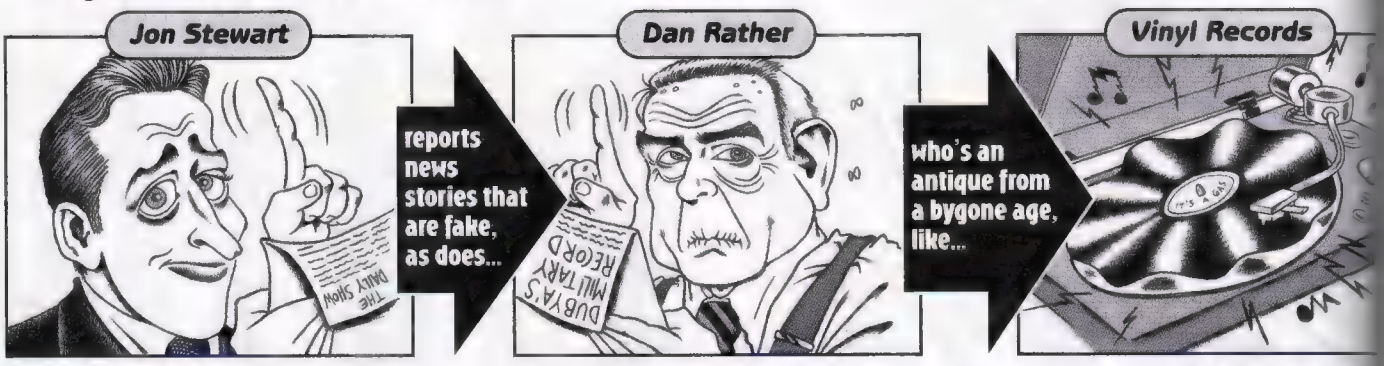
THE DISSING LINK DEPT.

This is our eighth installment of this series! Which means, ironically, that there are more than six degrees separating this edition from the original. But that's a problem we can address in future installments. Here's...

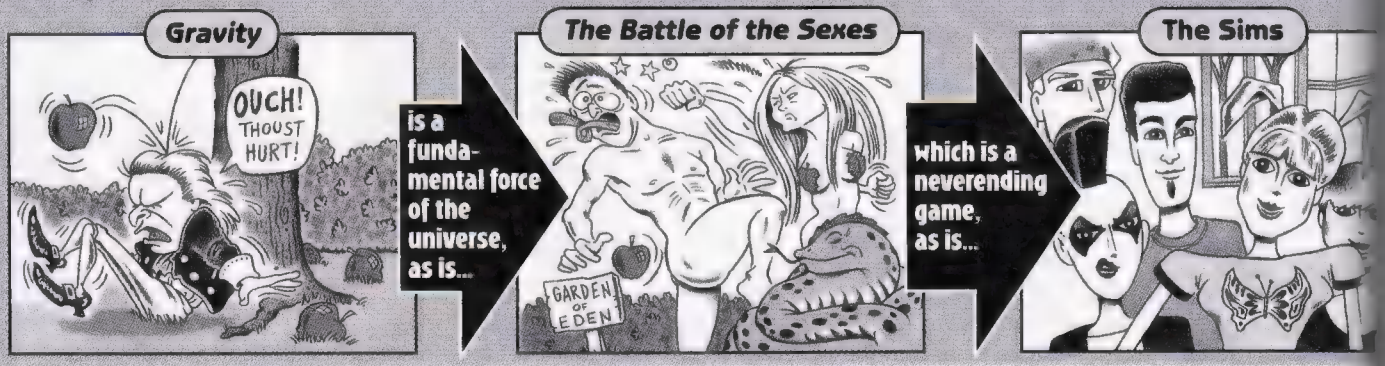
6 DEGREES OF SEPARATIO

Can you link BIGFOOT to MICHAEL MOORE?

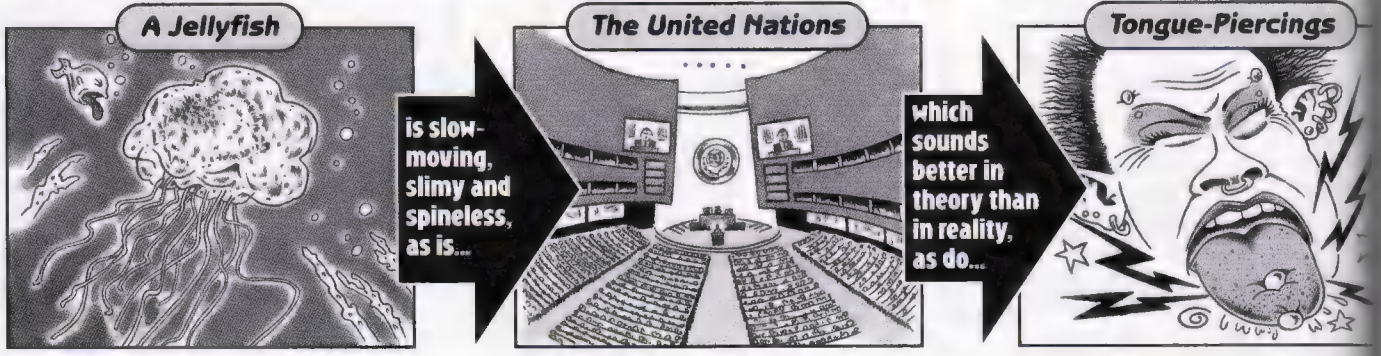
Can you link JON STEWART to THE HOMELESS?


Jon Stewart
THE DAILY SHOW
reports news stories that are fake, as does...
Dan Rather
DUBYA'S MILITARY RECORD
who's an antique from a bygone age, like...
Vinyl Records

Can you link GRAVITY to VOTER APATHY?

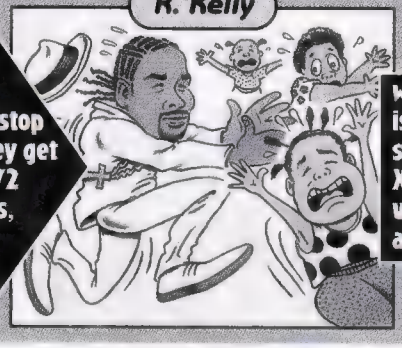

Gravity
OUCH! THOUST HURT!
is a fundamental force of the universe, as is...
The Battle of the Sexes
GARDEN OF EDEN
which is a neverending game, as is...
The Sims

Can you link A JELLYFISH to "MR. BRITNEY SPEARS"?


A Jellyfish
is slow-moving, slimy and spineless, as is...
The United Nations
which sounds better in theory than in reality, as do...
Tongue-Piercings

BETWEEN ANYONE AND ANYTHING PART VIII

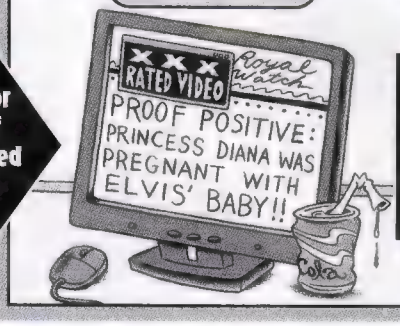
R. Kelly



who won't stop till they get their 72 virgins, like...

who is a major source of XXX-rated videos, as is...

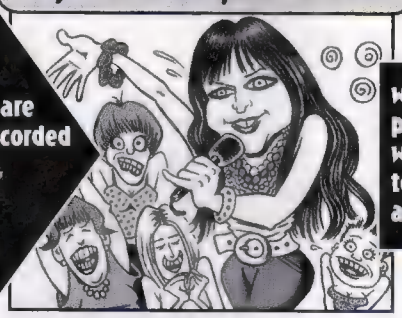
The Internet



which is full of wacky conspiracy theories, as is...

Michael Moore

Any Ashlee Simpson Concert



which are pre-recorded music, as is...

which is packed with "Gen-Y" teenyboppers, as is...

Hot Topic

which features clothes you wouldn't want to be caught dead in, as do...

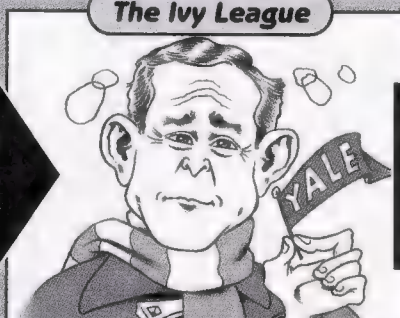
The Homeless

The O.C.

which is full of one-dimensional fake humans, as is...

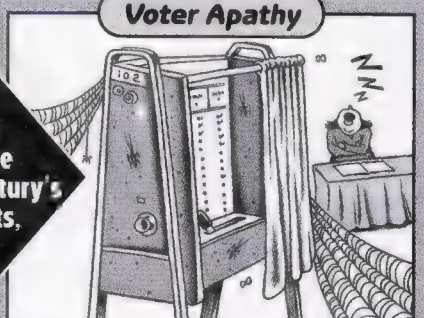
which is all about spoiled rich kids, as is...

The Ivy League



which produced half of the 20th century's Presidents, as did...

Voter Apathy



Shoe Bombs

which are a painful way to "make a statement," as are...

which are a threat to homeland security, as is...

Cat Stevens

whose actual name nobody remembers, like...

"Mr. Britney Spears"

ARTIST: RICK TULKA WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

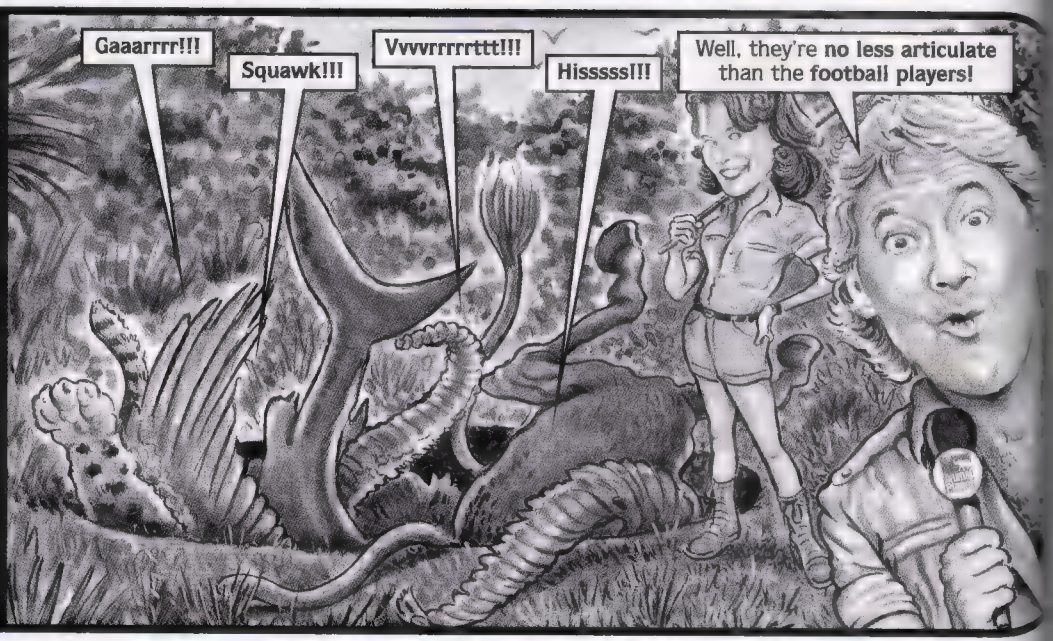
The Super Bowl is a ratings monster. For years, every other TV channel would roll over and play dead for that one Sunday. Then, some legendary programmer noticed the soft, vulnerable underbelly of the Super Bowl juggernaut: the game's moronic halftime show. Competing networks started running one-shot programming as soon as halftime started, to suck away the huge football audience for just a few minutes. We've seen special mini-episodes of Fear Factor, In Living Color and Saturday Night Live. Since you know there won't be any free Super Bowl hooters THIS year, let's see what other TV channels will be offering with MAD's...

VIEWING GUIDE TO SUPER BOWL HALFTIME COUNTERPROGRAMMING

Animal Planet

Natural Selection Bowl I

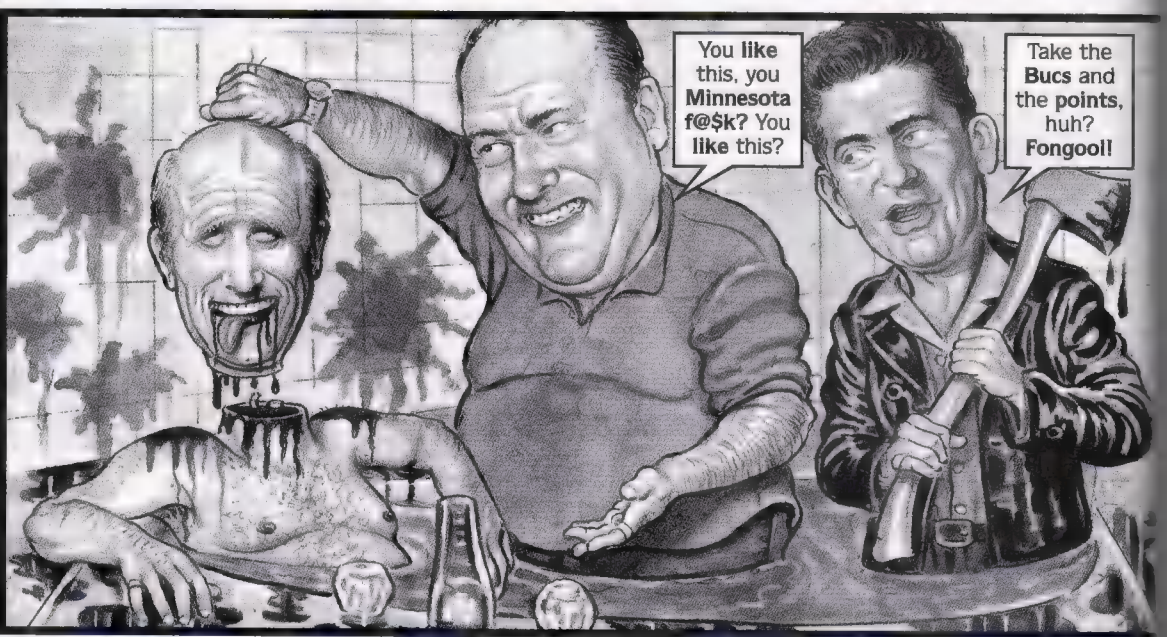
As we've seen several times, one call by the referees can destroy a team's season. So there's no really fair way to decide whether the Falcons are truly better than the Colts. Until now! Animal Planet takes the human element right out of the equation and sticks those creatures into a deep pit, along with dolphins, bears, jaguars, ravens, broncos, eagles and more. Whichever species flaps, crawls or wriggles out is the *true* champion!



HBO

The Sopranos

In a teaser for the upcoming season of *The Sopranos*, Tony and Christopher decapitate guest star Terry Bradshaw.

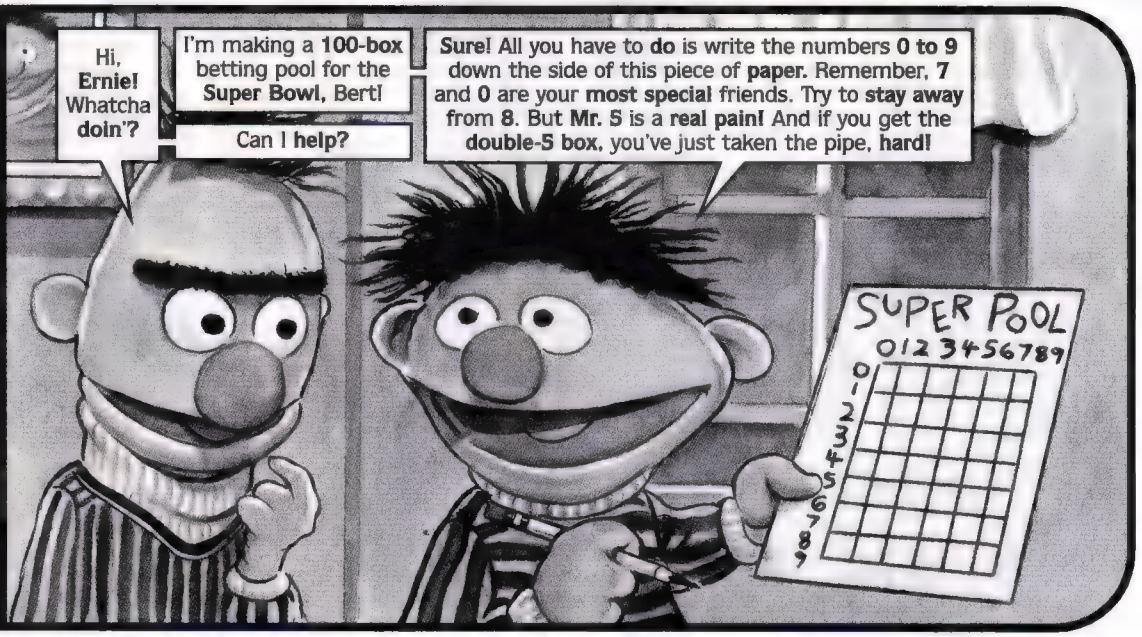


ARTIST: DREW FRIEDMAN WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN

PBS

Sesame Street

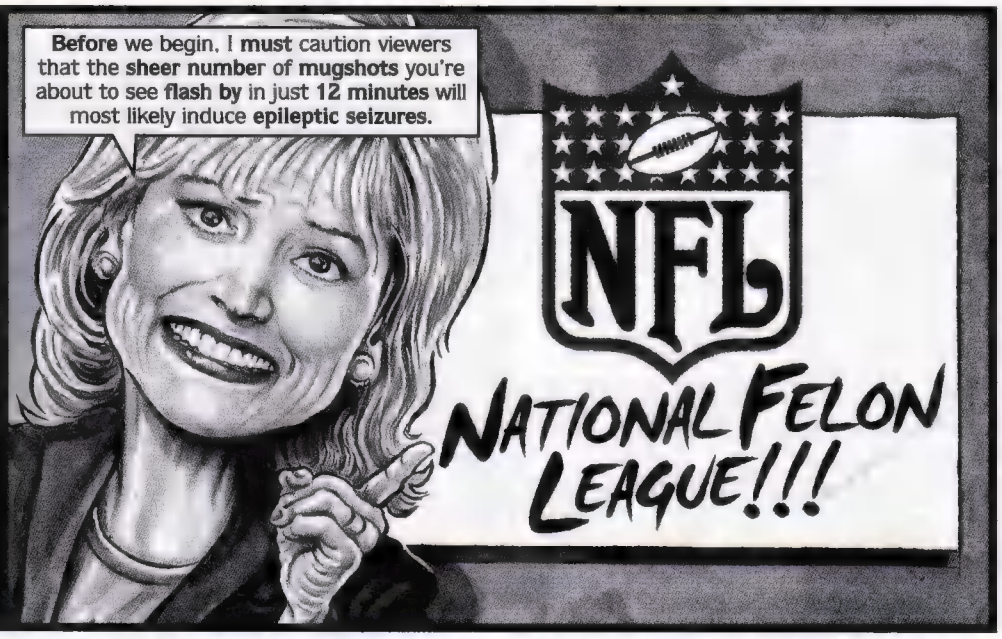
The Muppets have taught the basics of letters and numbers to three generations of children. But "6 chocolate pies" only gets a kid so far. In this mini-episode, they learn to apply that pure knowledge to the real world.


Hi, Ernie! Whatcha doin'?
I'm making a 100-box betting pool for the Super Bowl, Bert!
Can I help?
Sure! All you have to do is write the numbers 0 to 9 down the side of this piece of paper. Remember, 7 and 0 are your most special friends. Try to stay away from 8. But Mr. 5 is a real pain! And if you get the double-5 box, you've just taken the pipe, hard!
SUPER POOL
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

COURT TV

Catherine Crier Live

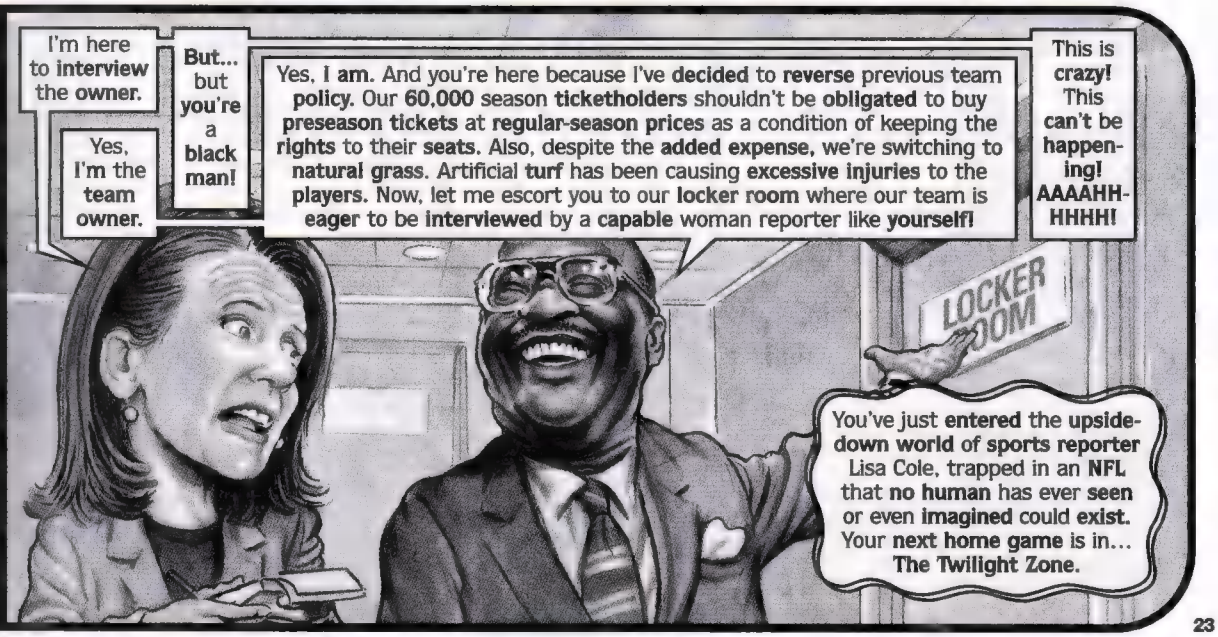
To salute the NFL, Court TV will show a halftime montage of all the current and former players either convicted or accused of crimes, including, but not limited to: murder, conspiracy to commit murder, drug distribution, sexual assault, felonious assault, assault with a deadly weapon, DWI, DUI and destruction of property.


Before we begin, I must caution viewers that the sheer number of mugshots you're about to see flash by in just 12 minutes will most likely induce epileptic seizures.
NFL
NATIONAL FELON LEAGUE!!!

SCI FI

The New Twilight Zone

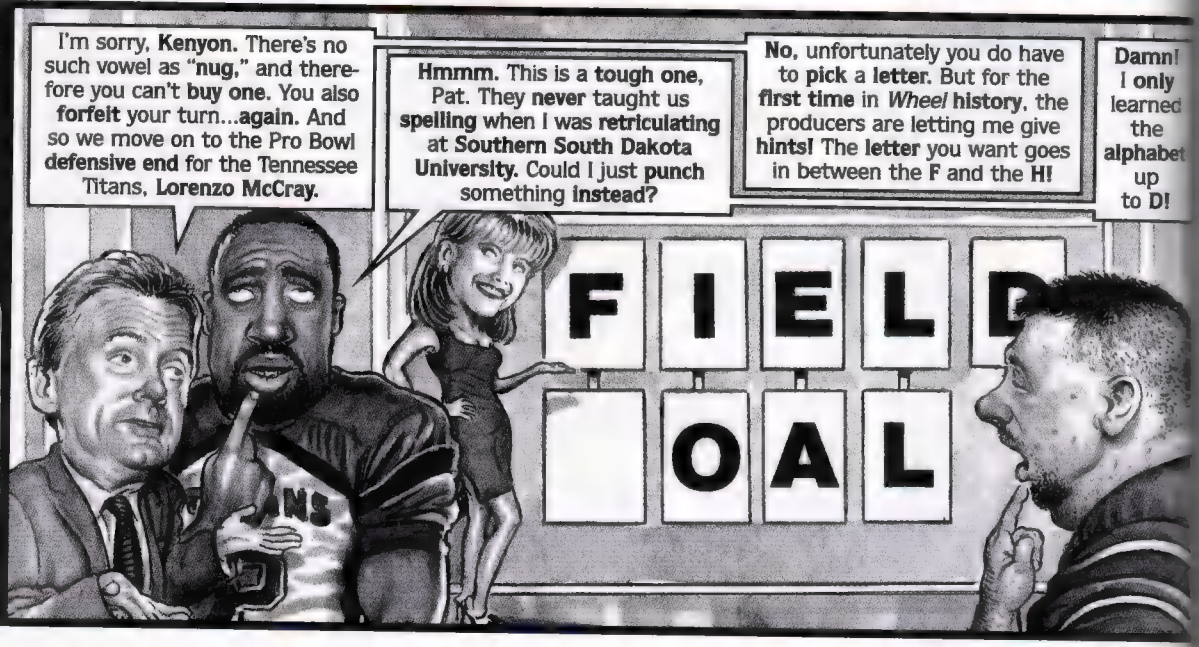
Monsters? Time travel? Alternate realities? You'll really get the creeps from this halftime-length, football-themed fantasy that could only exist in the realm of the imagination.


I'm here to interview the owner.
Yes, I'm the team owner.
But... but you're a black man!
Yes. I am. And you're here because I've decided to reverse previous team policy. Our 60,000 season ticketholders shouldn't be obligated to buy preseason tickets at regular-season prices as a condition of keeping the rights to their seats. Also, despite the added expense, we're switching to natural grass. Artificial turf has been causing excessive injuries to the players. Now, let me escort you to our locker room where our team is eager to be interviewed by a capable woman reporter like yourself!
This is crazy! This can't be happening! AAAAHHHHHH!
LOCKER ROOM
You've just entered the upside-down world of sports reporter Lisa Cole, trapped in an NFL that no human has ever seen or even imagined could exist. Your next home game is in... The Twilight Zone.

GSN
THE NETWORK FOR GAMES

Wheel of Fortune

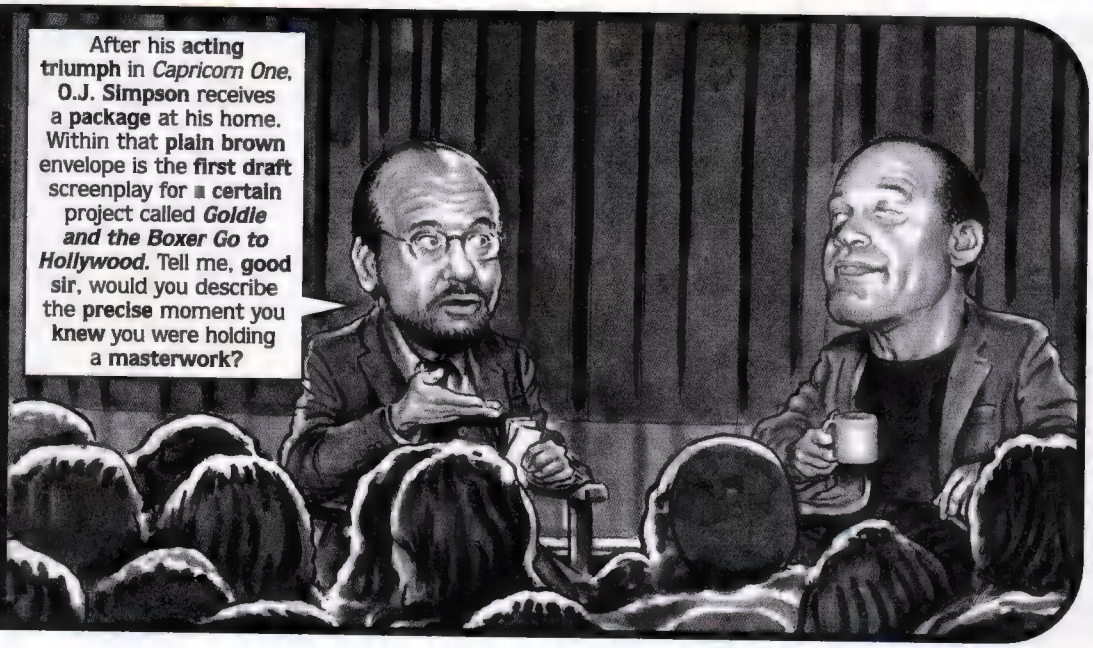
Halftime may last only 20 minutes, but by the time you've endured the thought processes of three NFL players, this one show will seem like an entire theme week.


I'm sorry, Kenyon. There's no such vowel as "nug," and therefore you can't buy one. You also forfeit your turn...again. And so we move on to the Pro Bowl defensive end for the Tennessee Titans, Lorenzo McCray.
Hmmm. This is a tough one, Pat. They never taught us spelling when I was retriculating at Southern South Dakota University. Could I just punch something instead?
No, unfortunately you do have to pick a letter. But for the first time in Wheel history, the producers are letting me give hints! The letter you want goes in between the F and the H!
Damn! I only learned the alphabet up to D!
F I E L D
O A L

Bravo

Inside the Actor's Studio with O.J. Simpson

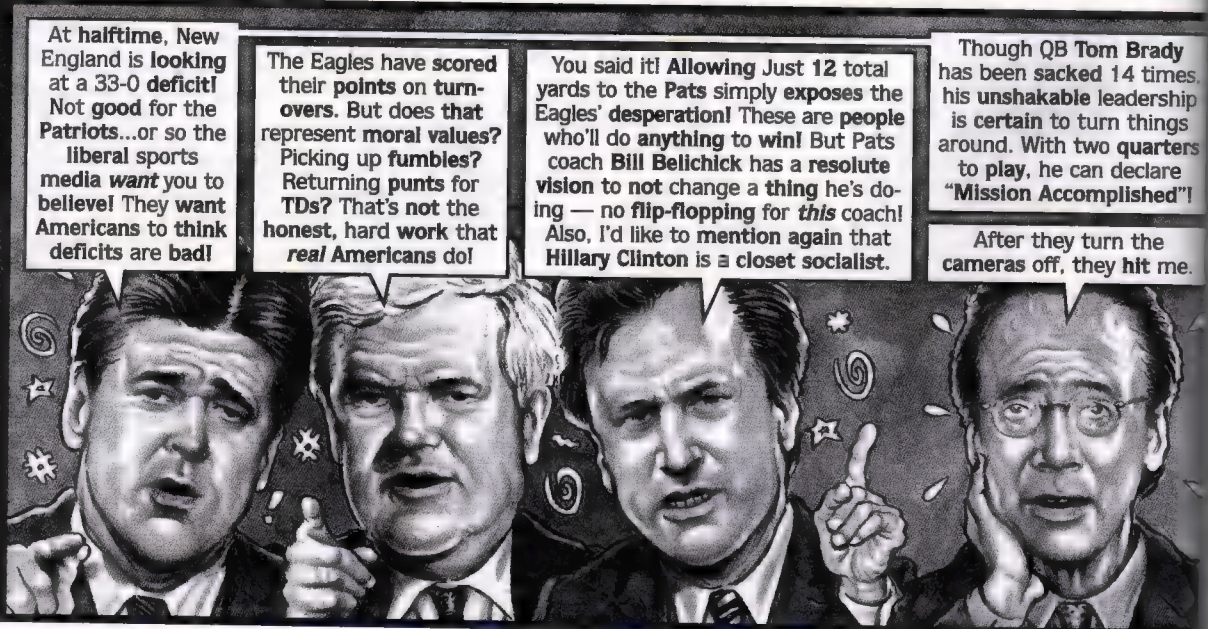
To woo viewers entranced by both vicious knee tackles and dramatic character arcs, Bravo presents this one-time-only telecast.


After his acting triumph in Capricorn One, O.J. Simpson receives a package at his home. Within that plain brown envelope is the first draft screenplay for a certain project called Goldie and the Boxer Go to Hollywood. Tell me, good sir, would you describe the precise moment you knew you were holding a masterwork?

FOX NEWS channel

Hannity & Colmes' Halftime Roundtable

Don't believe the scoreboard. Don't believe your eyes. To get the straight story of this year's Super Bowl, you need the fair and balanced midgame analysis that only FOX News can provide.


At halftime, New England is looking at a 33-0 deficit! Not good for the Patriots...or so the liberal sports media want you to believe! They want Americans to think deficits are bad!
The Eagles have scored their points on turnovers. But does that represent moral values? Picking up fumbles? Returning punts for TDs? That's not the honest, hard work that real Americans do!
You said it! Allowing just 12 total yards to the Pats simply exposes the Eagles' desperation! These are people who'll do anything to win! But Pats coach Bill Belichick has a resolute vision to not change a thing he's doing — no flip-flopping for this coach! Also, I'd like to mention again that Hillary Clinton is a closet socialist.
Though QB Tom Brady has been sacked 14 times, his unshakable leadership is certain to turn things around. With two quarters to play, he can declare "Mission Accomplished"!
After they turn the cameras off, they hit me.

Duke Bissell's TALES OF UNDISPUTED INTEREST

WHILE EATING DINNER IN MY FAVORITE RESTAURANT, I NOTICED A ROACH IN THE SALAD.

SPAGHETTI ON A PLATE RESTAURANT

THIS IS REALLY PLAYING HAVOC WITH MY LOW PROTEIN DIET.

I LOOKED AROUND FOR MY WAITER BUT HE WAS NOWHERE TO BE SEEN, SO I IMMEDIATELY GOT ON THE HORN TO MY UNCLE WHO WORKS WITH THE STATE BOARD OF INSECT ADVISORY.

IF IT HAS BLUE ANTENNAE, IT'S EDIBLE, BUT ONLY IF YOU'RE A NATIVE OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN RAIN FOREST. IF YOU LIVE IN TOWN IT COULD BE TROUBLE.

BY THE TIME I GOT HOME I WAS FEELING A BIT QUEASY.

YOU DON'T LOOK TOO GOOD, DUKE. COME IN AND I'LL FIX YOU SOMETHING TO EAT. PERHAPS A NICE SALAD.

NO THANKS, MRS. FOLLICLE. I WOULDN'T WANT TO GET HOT STEAMING VOMIT ALL OVER YOUR COLLECTIBLE FLATWARE.

FOR SOME REASON I COULDN'T GET MY KEY INTO THE DOOR, SO I WAS FORCED TO GO TO THE LOCKSMITH DOWN THE BLOCK.

THE KEY LOOKS FINE. HOW COME YOU DIDN'T BRING IN THE DOOR?

SECURITY IS THE KEY TO LIFE

I WONDER HOW LONG I CAN KEEP VOMIT IN MY NASAL CAVITIES.

CAN I GO IN FRONT OF YOU? MY HUSBAND LOCKED ME OUT OF OUR HOUSE SO HE COULD PUT ON MY UNDER WEAR AND I'M AFRAID HE'S GOING TO STRETCH IT OUT.

THE LOCKSMITH THOUGHT I'D HAVE BETTER LUCK WITH AN EXPERT IN BREAKING AND ENTERING, SO HE SENT ME TO HIS BROTHER.

ACTUALLY, I'M IN FOR MULTIPLE HOMICIDES. MY BROTHER NEVER DID UNDERSTAND ME.

I'M FEELING MUCH BETTER. I WONDER IF I CAN GET AN OUTSIDE LINE ON THIS THING AND MAKE A RESERVATION AT 'SPAGHETTI ON A PLATE' FOR NINE?

SO I WENT BACK TO MRS. FOLLICLE'S, WHO WHIPPED UP A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR ME AND A FEW OF HER FRIENDS.

DON'T LOOK NOW BUT THERE'S A ROACH IN YOUR SALAD.

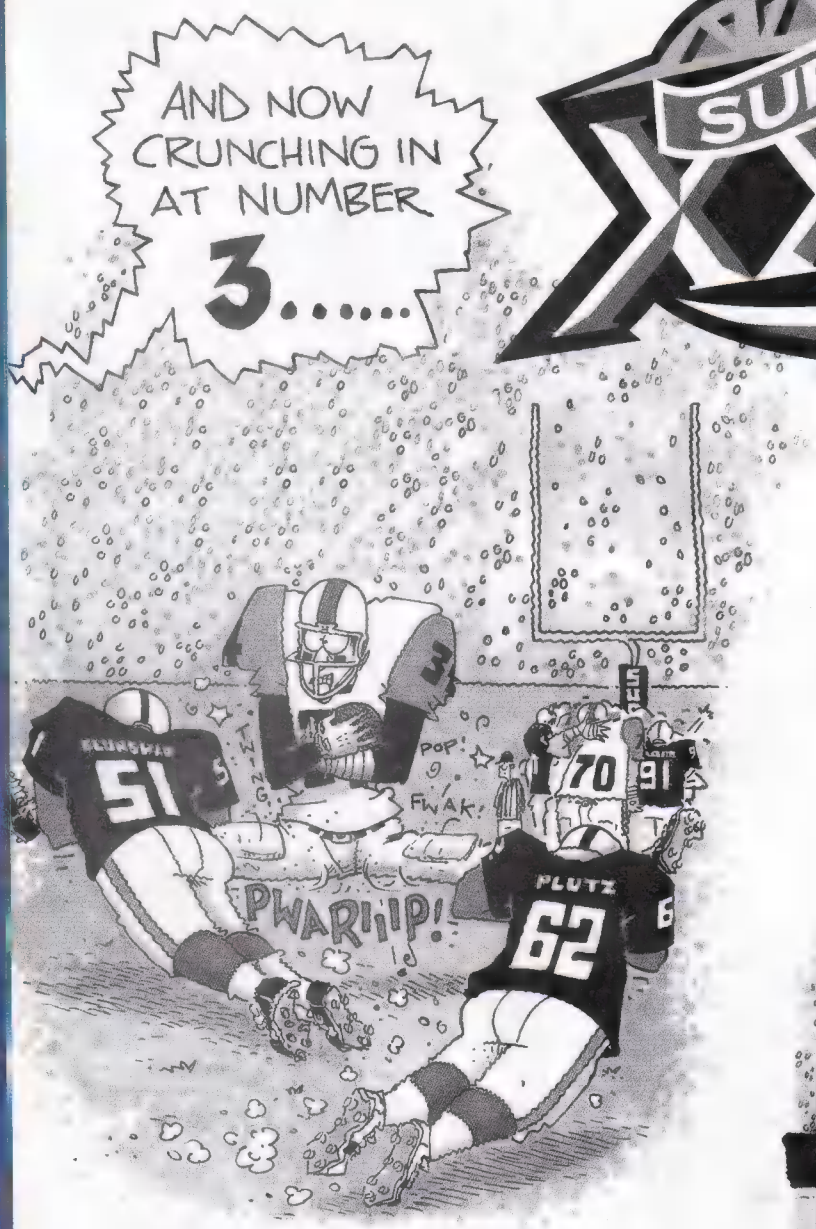
P.C. VEY

The Super Bowl is one of the highest-rated television events, with billions of viewers around the world. So it's cause for concern that this year, it's on FOX — the network that gave us such soul-crushing jerk-fests as *The Swan*, *The Littlest Bachelor* and *The Simple Life*. We hate to think what they have in store for this year's game (if there's a way to make that neckless freak Howie Long even more disturbing...they'll find it)! Better brace yourself for...

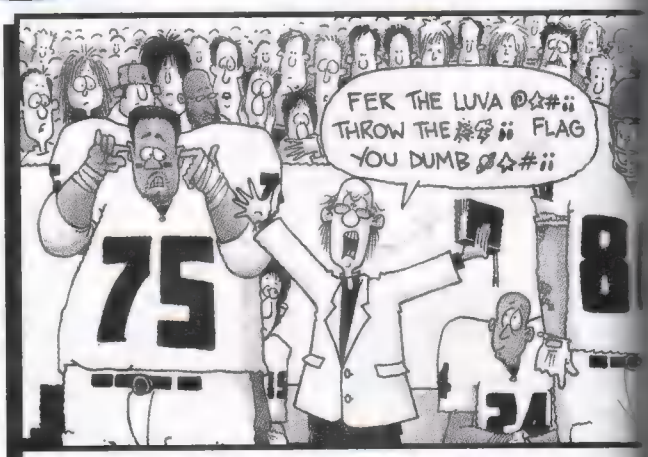
JOHN CALDWELL'S

BROADCAST HIGHLIGHTS AND INNOVATIONS TO WATCH FOR IN SUPER BOWL XXXVI

ARTIST AND WRITER: JOHN CALDWELL

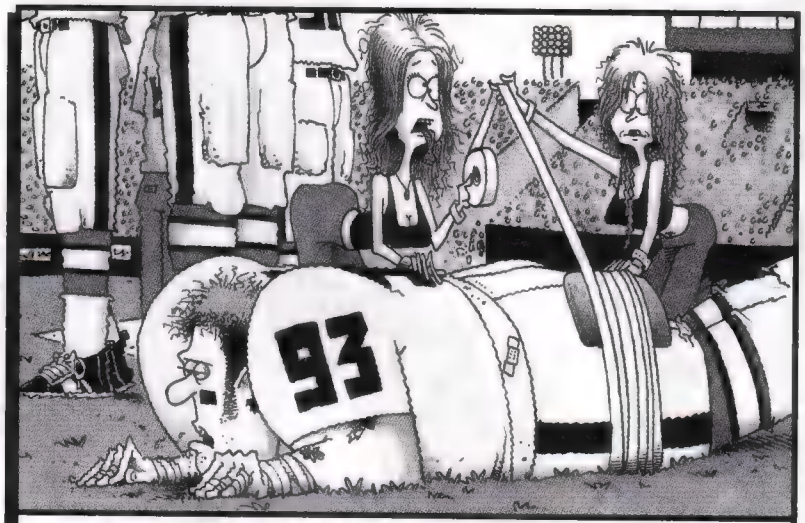


A countdown of great Super Bowl groin pulls

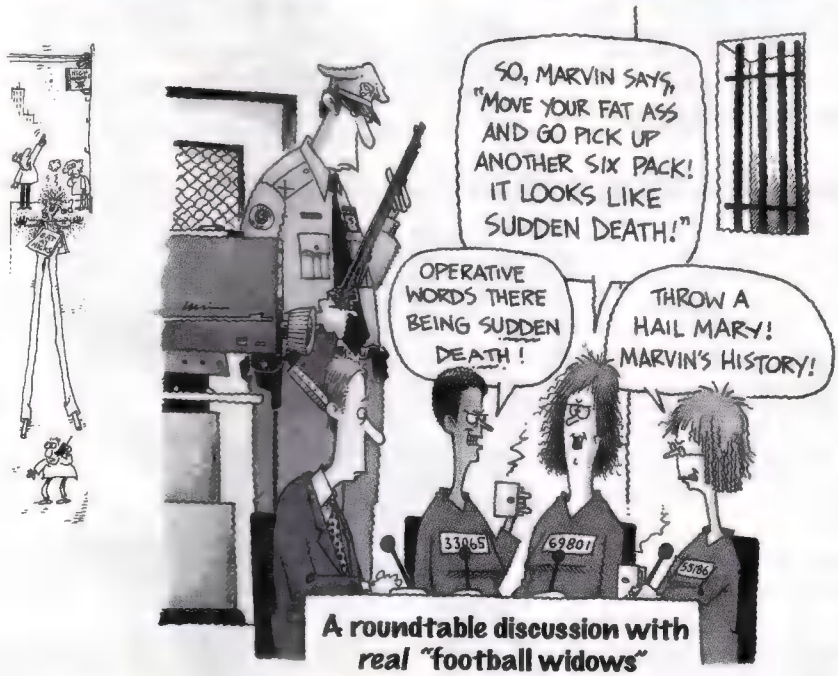


Miking the team chaplains

First-hand concussion updates



"First Look" sideline footage of Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie's latest *Simple Life* task: icing down and taping the hamstrings of a 340-lb. nose tackle.


SO, MARVIN SAYS, "MOVE YOUR FAT ASS AND GO PICK UP ANOTHER SIX PACK! IT LOOKS LIKE SUDDEN DEATH!"
OPERATIVE WORDS THERE BEING SUDDEN DEATH!
THROW A HAIL MARY! MARVIN'S HISTORY!
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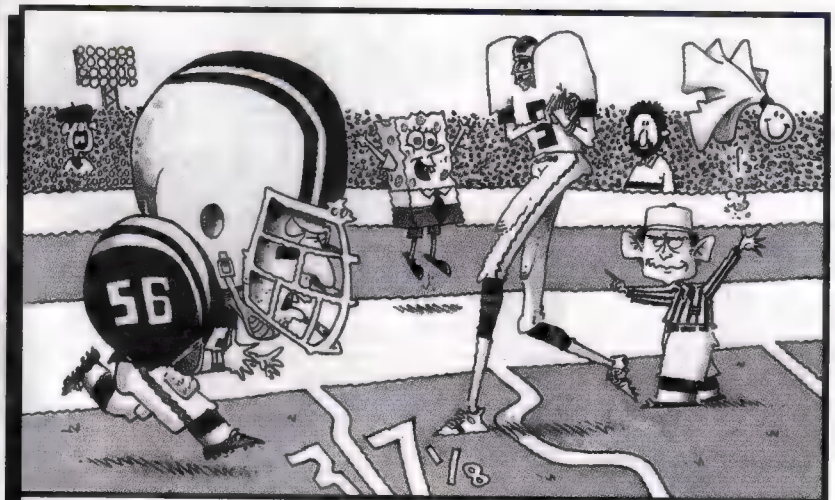
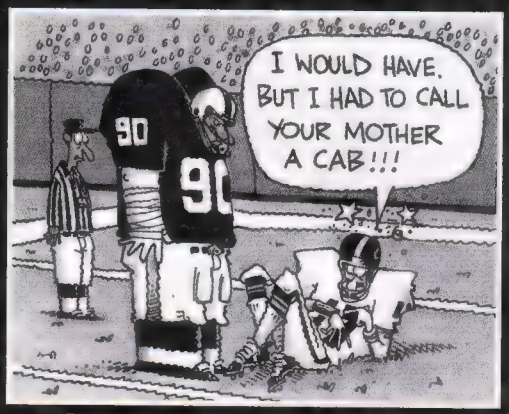
A roundtable discussion with *real* "football widows"

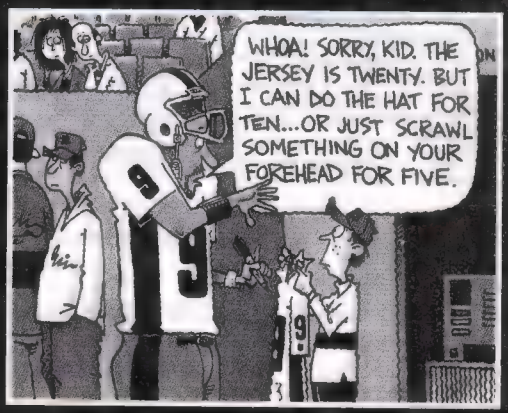


Photoshopped instant replays

What's Really Written on the Quarterback's Wrist Band

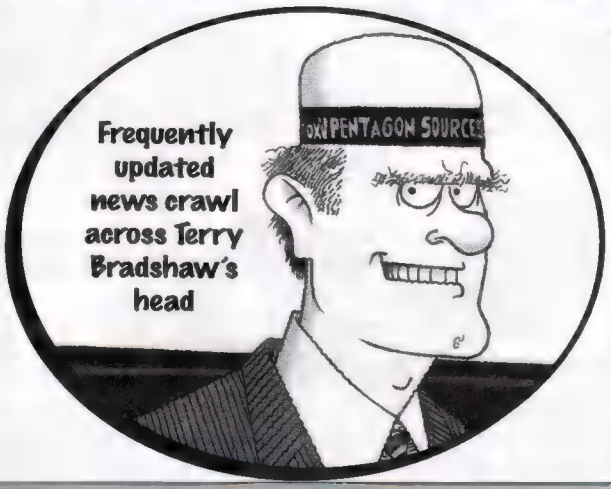


Snappy trash talk repartee



His current autograph fee price structure

Minutes from the last huddle

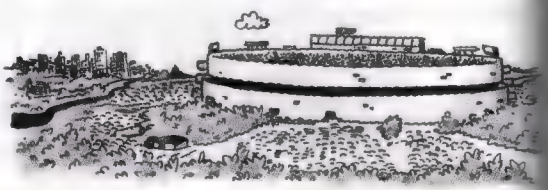


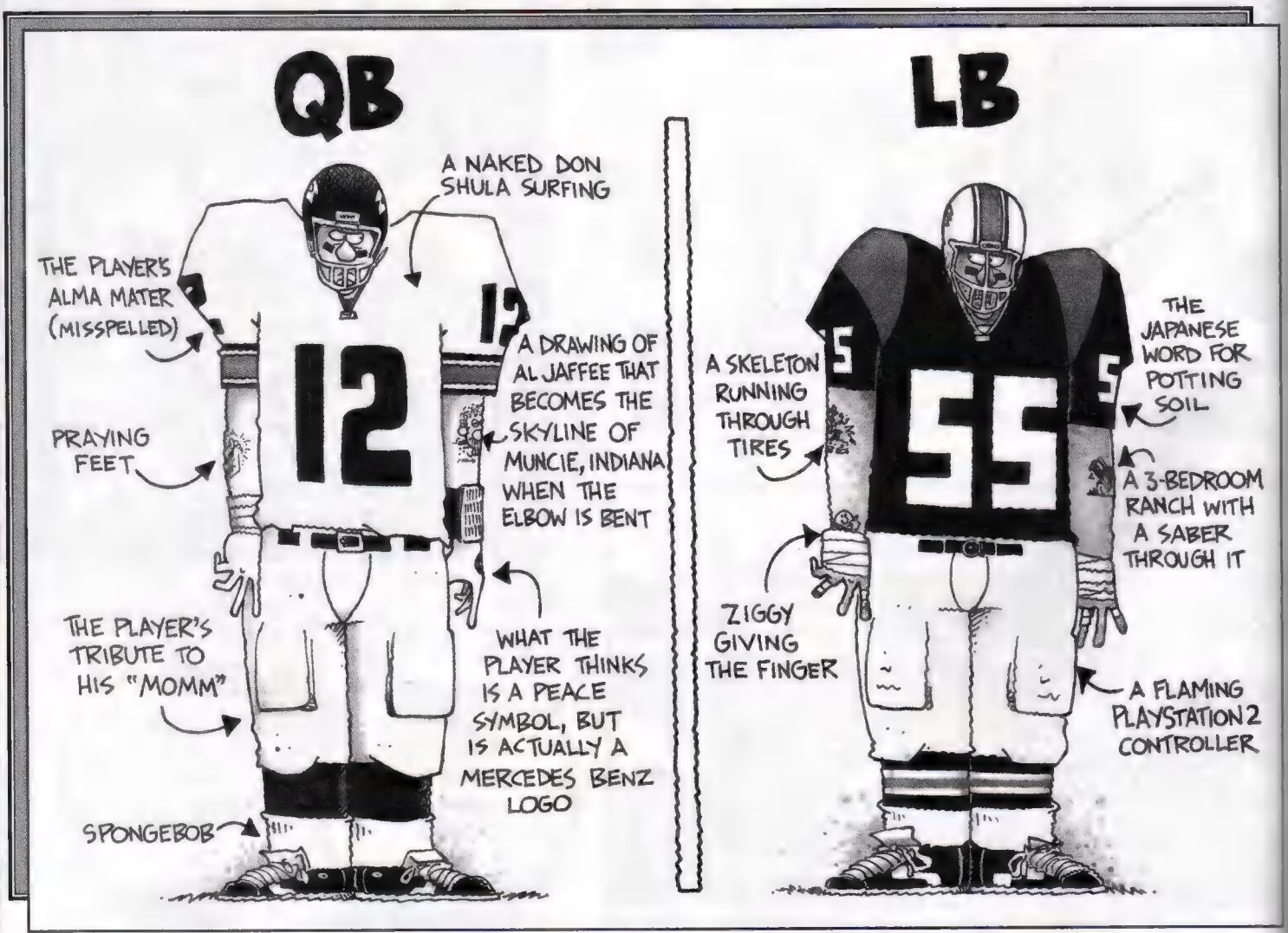
Frequently updated news crawl across Terry Bradshaw's head

BROADCAST HIGHLIGHTS AND INNOVATIONS TO WATCH FOR IN SUPER BOWL XXXIX

The Nextel "Call Your Own Audible" feature

Overhead footage provided by the Levitra Blimp

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A NAKED DON SHULA SURFING
THE PLAYER'S ALMA MATER (MISSPELLED)
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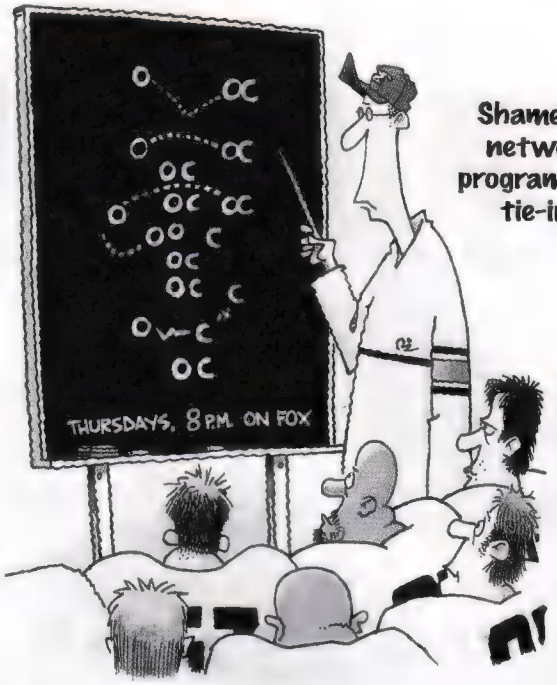
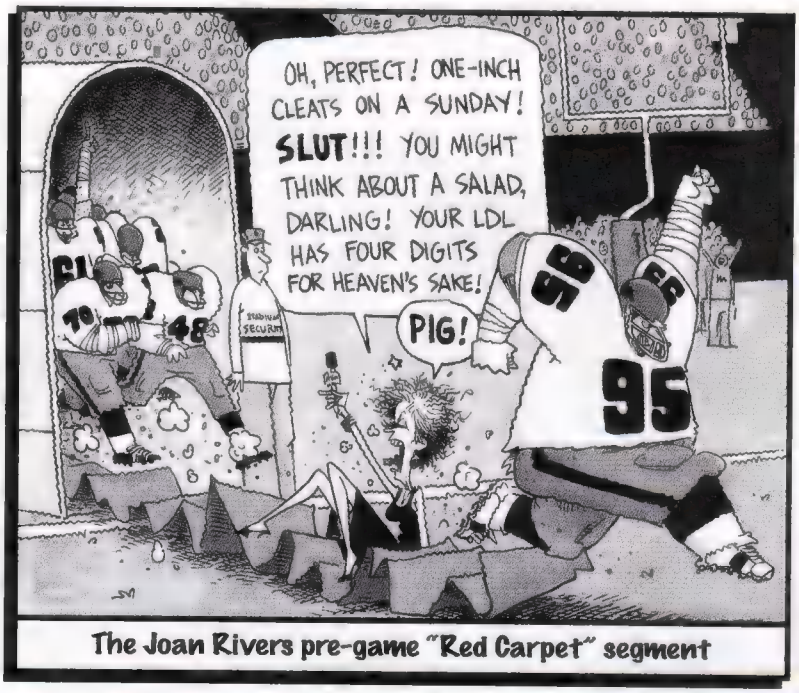
A DRAWING OF AL JAFFEE THAT BECOMES THE SKYLINE OF MUNCIE, INDIANA WHEN THE ELBOW IS BENT
PRAYING FEET
THE PLAYER'S TRIBUTE TO HIS "MOMM"
WHAT THE PLAYER THINKS IS A PEACE SYMBOL, BUT IS ACTUALLY A MERCEDES BENZ LOGO
SPONGEBOB
LB
A SKELETON RUNNING THROUGH TIRES
THE JAPANESE WORD FOR POTTING SOIL
A 3-BEDROOM RANCH WITH A SABER THROUGH IT
ZIGGY GIVING THE FINGER
A FLAMING PLAYSTATION 2 CONTROLLER

A special segment on how the teams match up tattoo-wise



Shameless network programming tie-ins


OH, PERFECT! ONE-INCH CLEATS ON A SUNDAY! SLUT!!! YOU MIGHT THINK ABOUT A SALAD, DARLING! YOUR LDL HAS FOUR DIGITS FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE!
PIG!

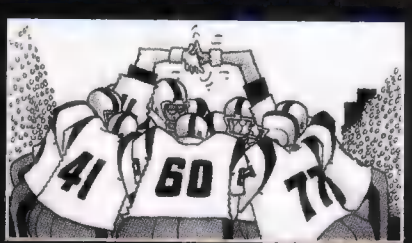
The Joan Rivers pre-game "Red Carpet" segment

Extensive praise but limited use of the over-priced "In-Coin Cam"

An up-close and personal visit with some guy in Lubbock, Texas who makes his own footballs

The Backup Quarterback's Primary Super Bowl Responsibilities

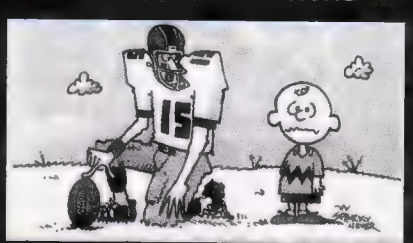
Remembering to tape *Emeril*



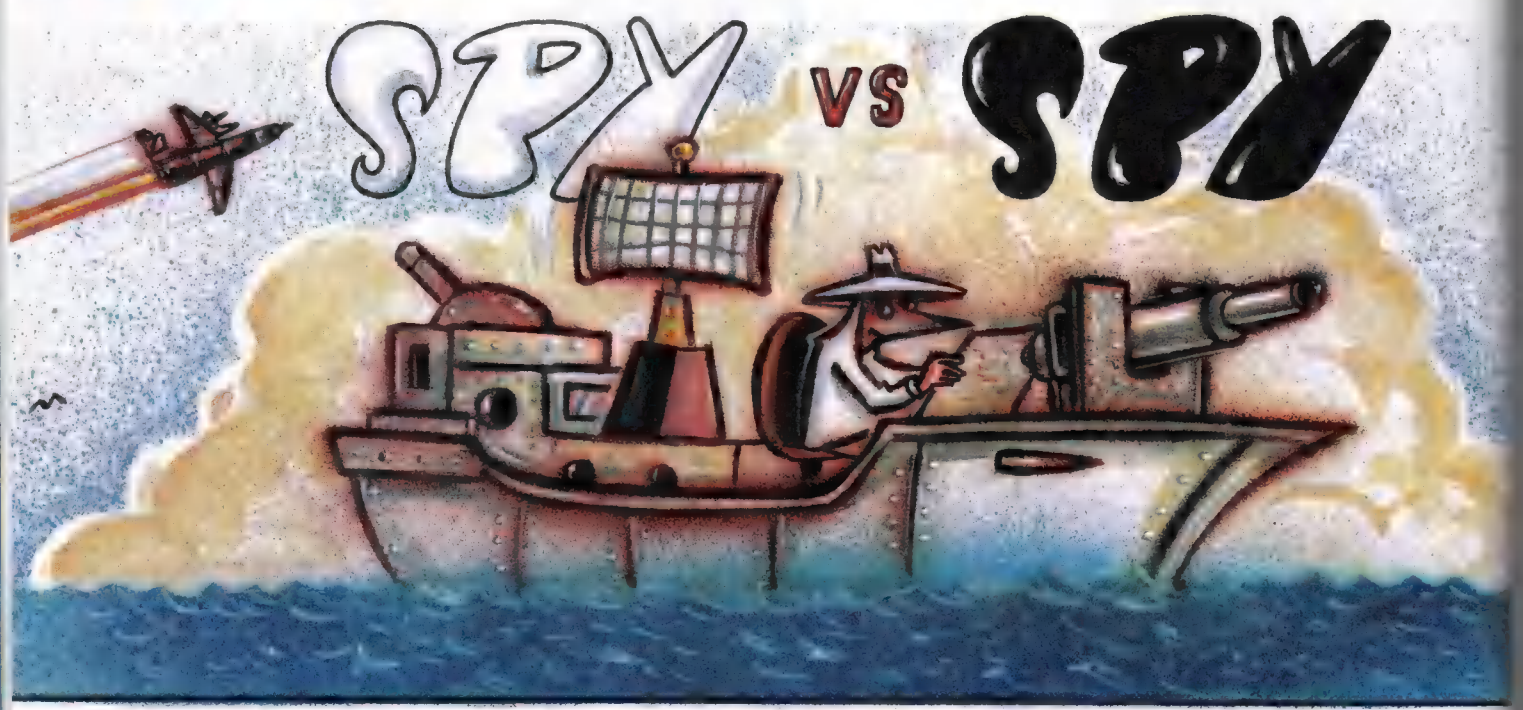
Huddle introductions

Settling with the hooker

Ironing & draping the towel over the center's butt



Speaking to young people about the importance of being the guy who holds the ball for the kickoffs on windy days



ARTIST AND WRITER: PETER KUPER

CLICK!
POP!
FLIP
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CLICK!
SPRONG!
TWANG!
BOOM!
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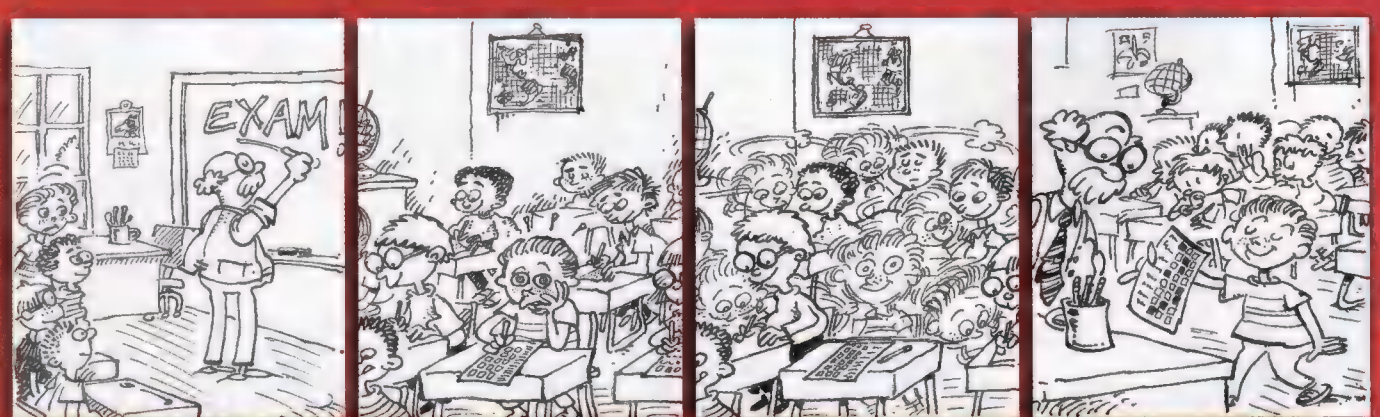
Sergio Aragonés Presents A MAD LOOK AT



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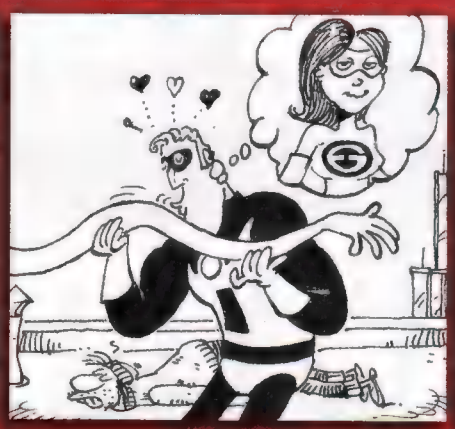

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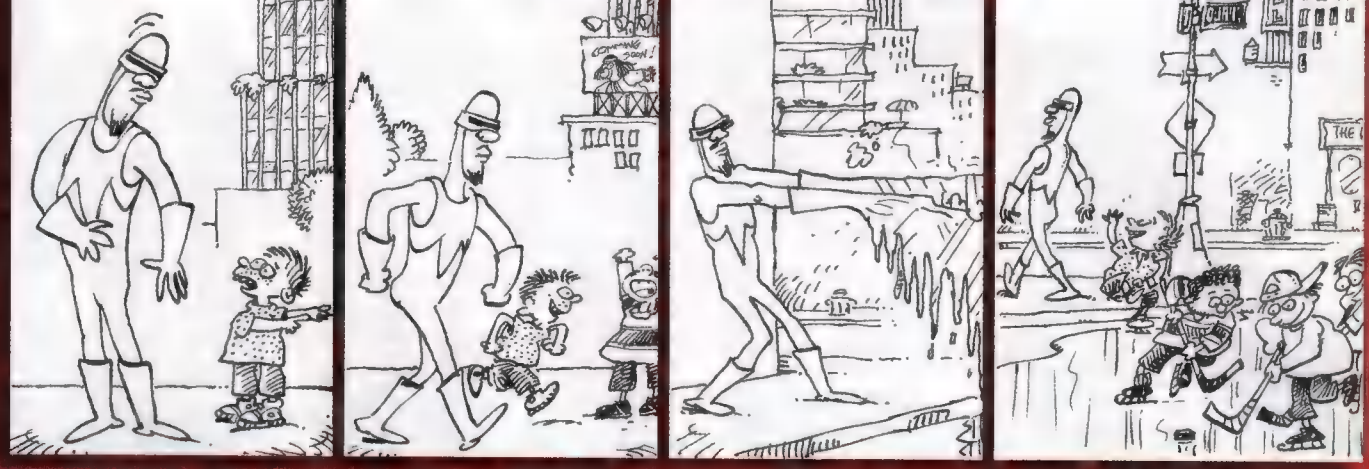

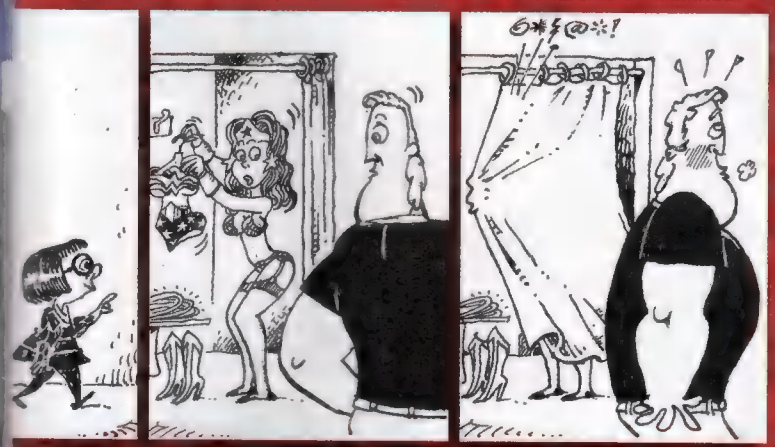
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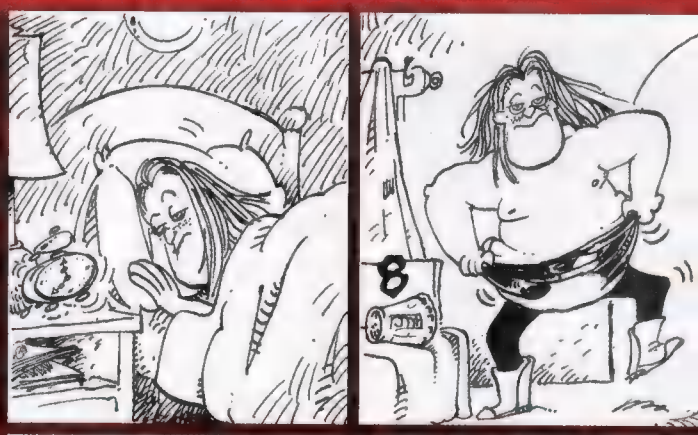

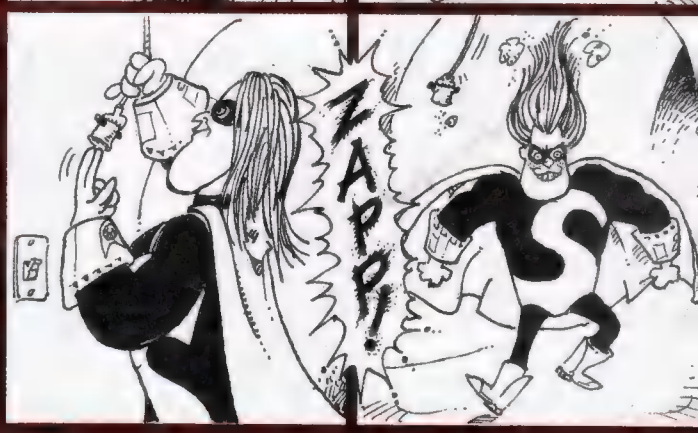
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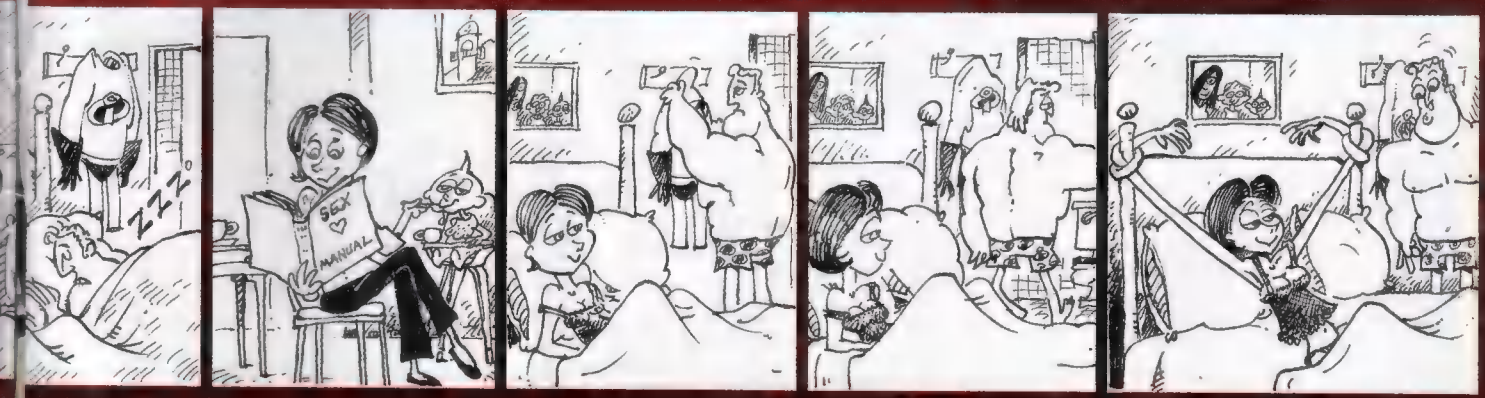
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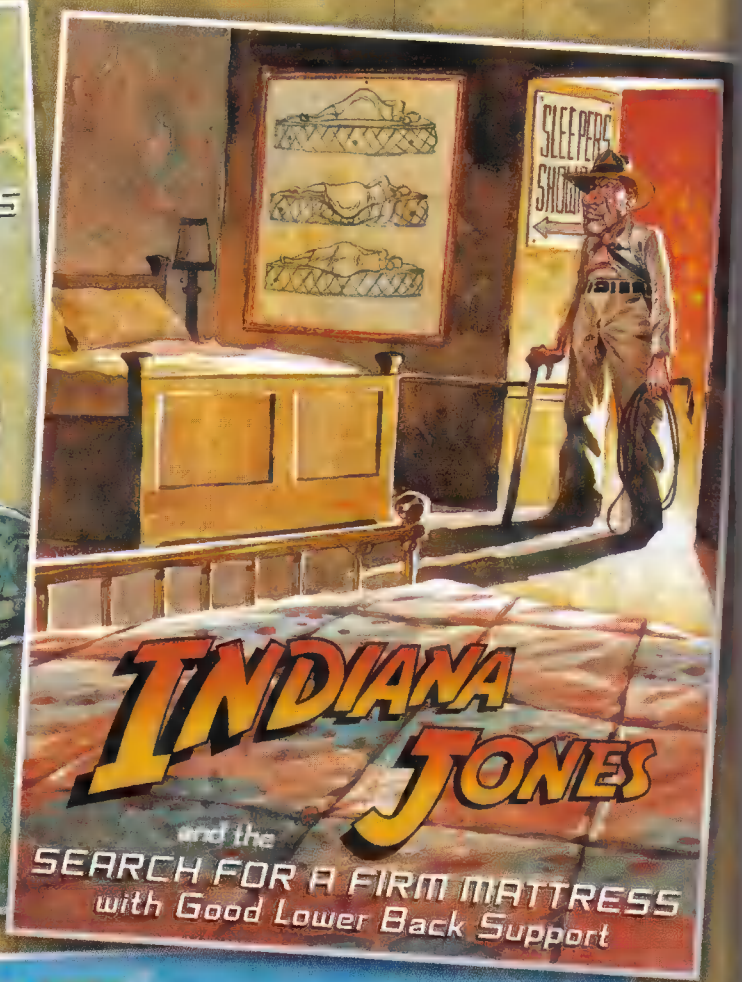
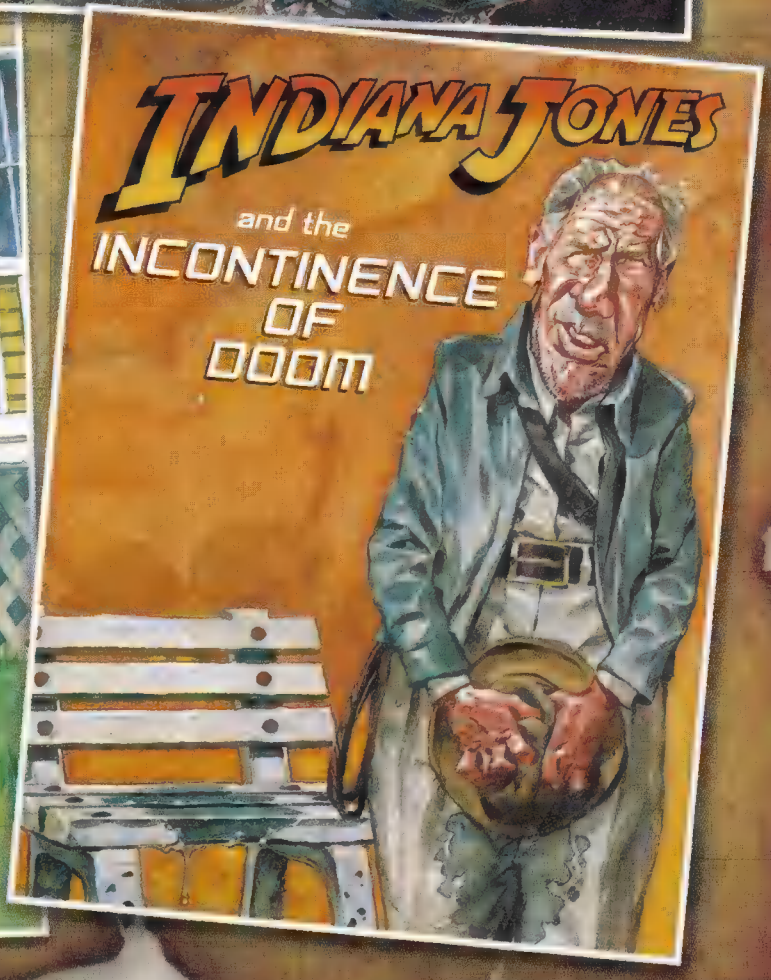
The *Indiana Jones* movies are known for a lot of things — action, adventure and, of course, a 20-year wait for the next installment. The problem used to be that George Lucas and Steven Spielberg couldn't find a script they liked — now the bigger problem is that they're trying to put the 62-year-old (and counting!) Harrison Ford in an action film! After so much time has passed, we suspect an old-timer like Indy won't have the energy to trot around the world looking for some artifact (besides, if he wants to see a relic, all he needs is a mirror). But since Spielberg and Lucas insist they're going to make another installment, we offer MAD's...

SUGGESTED TITLES for the next

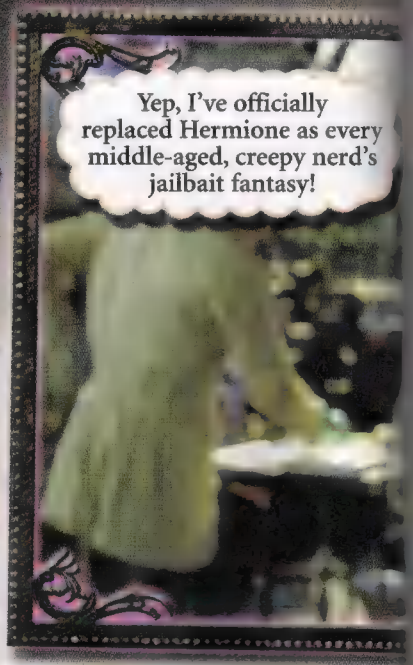


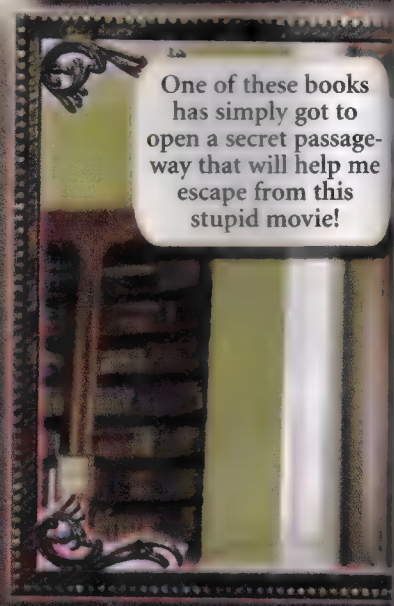
ARTIST: HERMANN MEJIA WRITER: MATTHEW A. COHEN

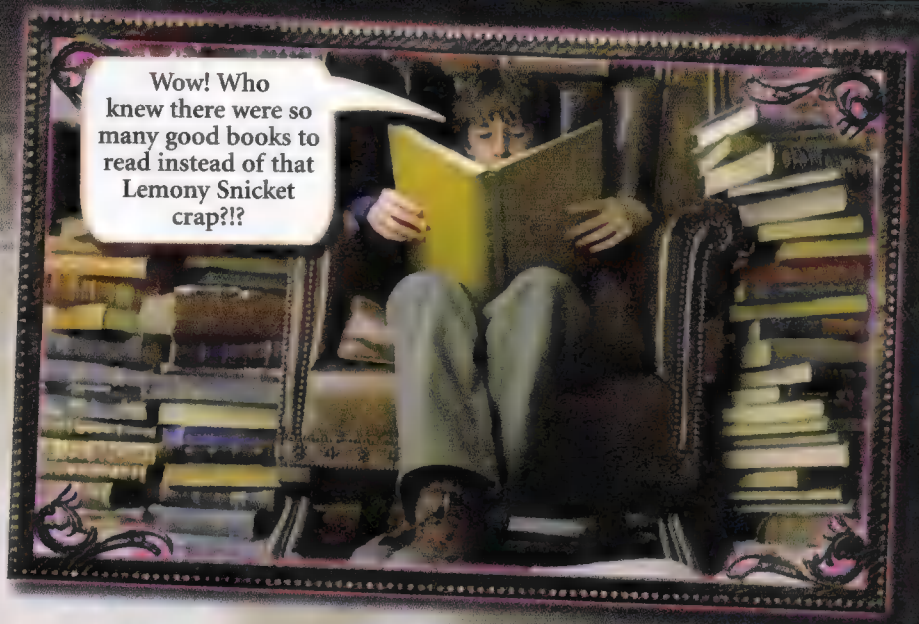
INDIANA JONES MOVIE



A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE OUTTAKES FROM LEMONY SNICKET'S A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS






Wow! Who knew there were so many good books to read instead of that Lemony Snicket crap?!?

Ha! I knew screening *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* would put them to sleep!

I'm one year old and I've already done more work than Paris Hilton ever will!

Mind if I rest my head here for a moment? All this overacting is exhausting work!

Now let's hear Bush say his policies aren't screwing up the environment!

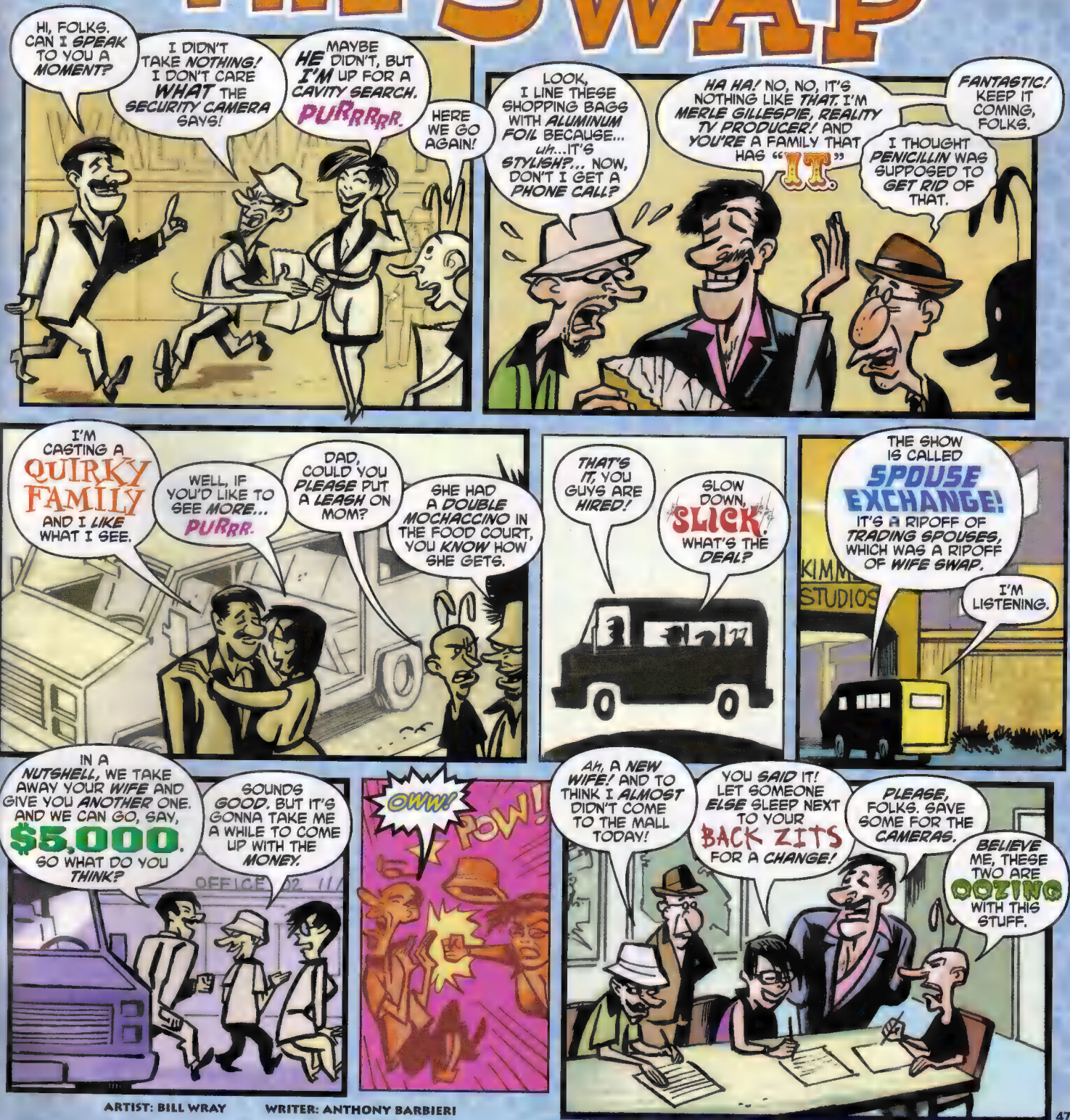
Why should Jim Carrey be the only one allowed to chew on the scenery?

Come on, Violet, get a move on! R. Kelly wanted you backstage 10 minutes ago!

Well, at least we now know — that annoying beeping noise Mom and Dad ignored all night long was the smoke detector!

The crass is always greener. It's...

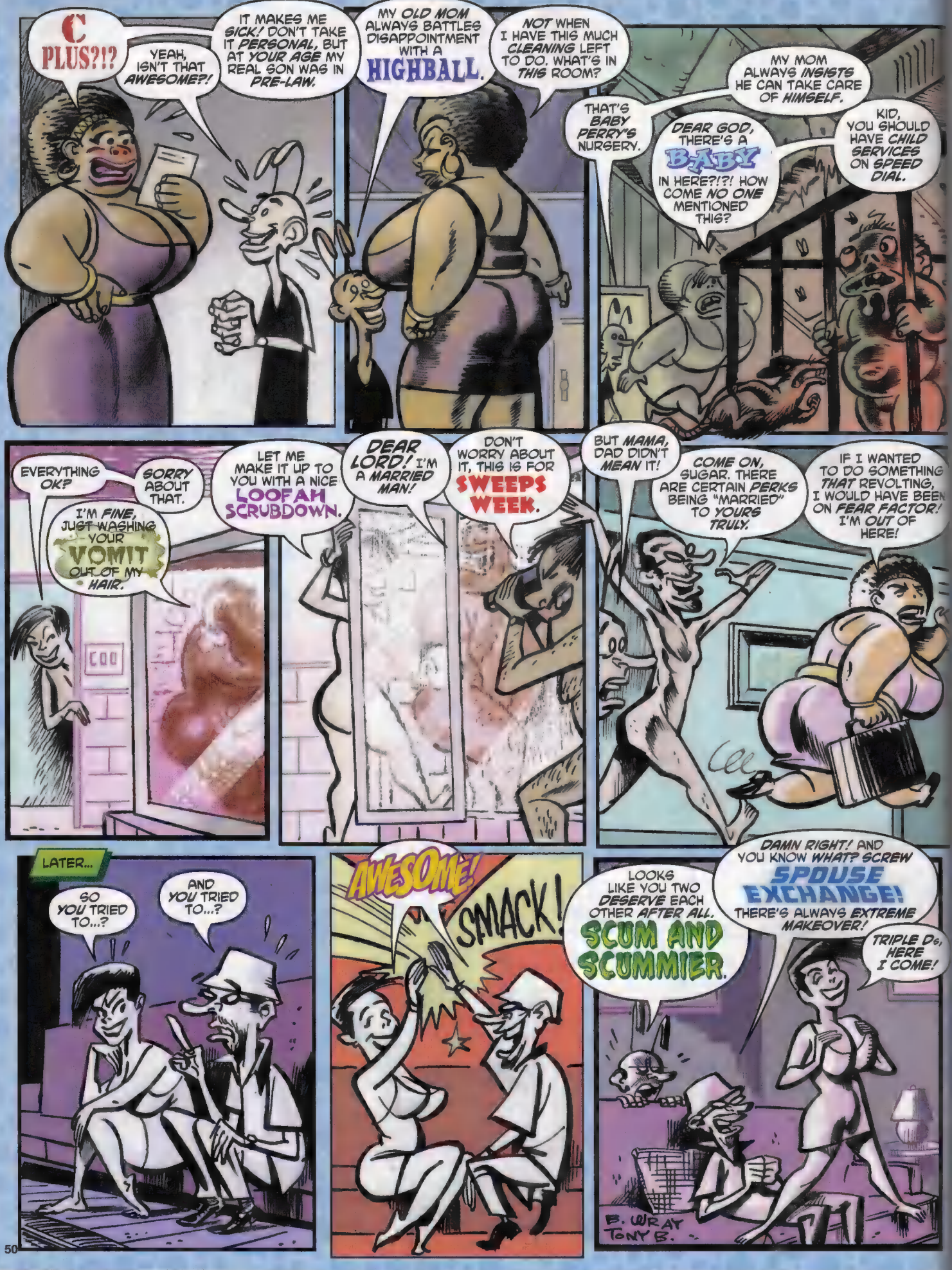
MONROE and... THE SWAP


HI, FOLKS. CAN I SPEAK TO YOU A MOMENT?
I DIDN'T TAKE NOTHING! I DON'T CARE WHAT THE SECURITY CAMERA SAYS!
MAYBE HE DIDN'T, BUT I'M UP FOR A CAVITY SEARCH. PURRRRR.
HERE WE GO AGAIN!
LOOK, I LINE THESE SHOPPING BAGS WITH ALUMINUM FOIL BECAUSE... UH...IT'S STYLISH?... NOW, DON'T I GET A PHONE CALL?
HA HA! NO, NO, IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT. I'M MERLE GILLESPIE, REALITY TV PRODUCER! AND YOU'RE A FAMILY THAT HAS "IT."
FANTASTIC! KEEP IT COMING, FOLKS.
I THOUGHT PENICILLIN WAS SUPPOSED TO GET RID OF THAT.
I'M CASTING A QUIRKY FAMILY AND I LIKE WHAT I SEE.
WELL, IF YOU'D LIKE TO SEE MORE... PURRR.
DAD, COULD YOU PLEASE PUT A LEASH ON MOM?
SHE HAD A DOUBLE MOCHACCINO IN THE FOOD COURT, YOU KNOW HOW SHE GETS.
THAT'S IT, YOU GUYS ARE HIRED!
SLOW DOWN, SLICK. WHAT'S THE DEAL?
THE SHOW IS CALLED SPOUSE EXCHANGE! IT'S A RIPOFF OF TRADING SPOUSES, WHICH WAS A RIPOFF OF WIFE SWAP.
I'M LISTENING.
IN A NUTSHELL, WE TAKE AWAY YOUR WIFE AND GIVE YOU ANOTHER ONE. AND WE CAN GO, SAY, $5,000. SO WHAT DO YOU THINK?
SOUNDS GOOD. BUT IT'S GONNA TAKE ME A WHILE TO COME UP WITH THE MONEY.
OFFICE
OWW!
POW!
AH, A NEW WIFE! AND TO THINK I ALMOST DIDN'T COME TO THE MALL TODAY!
YOU SAID IT! LET SOMEONE ELSE SLEEP NEXT TO YOUR BACK ZITS FOR A CHANGE!
PLEASE, FOLKS. SAVE SOME FOR THE CAMERAS.
BELIEVE ME, THESE TWO ARE OOZING WITH THIS STUFF.

ARTIST: BILL WRAY WRITER: ANTHONY BARBIERI

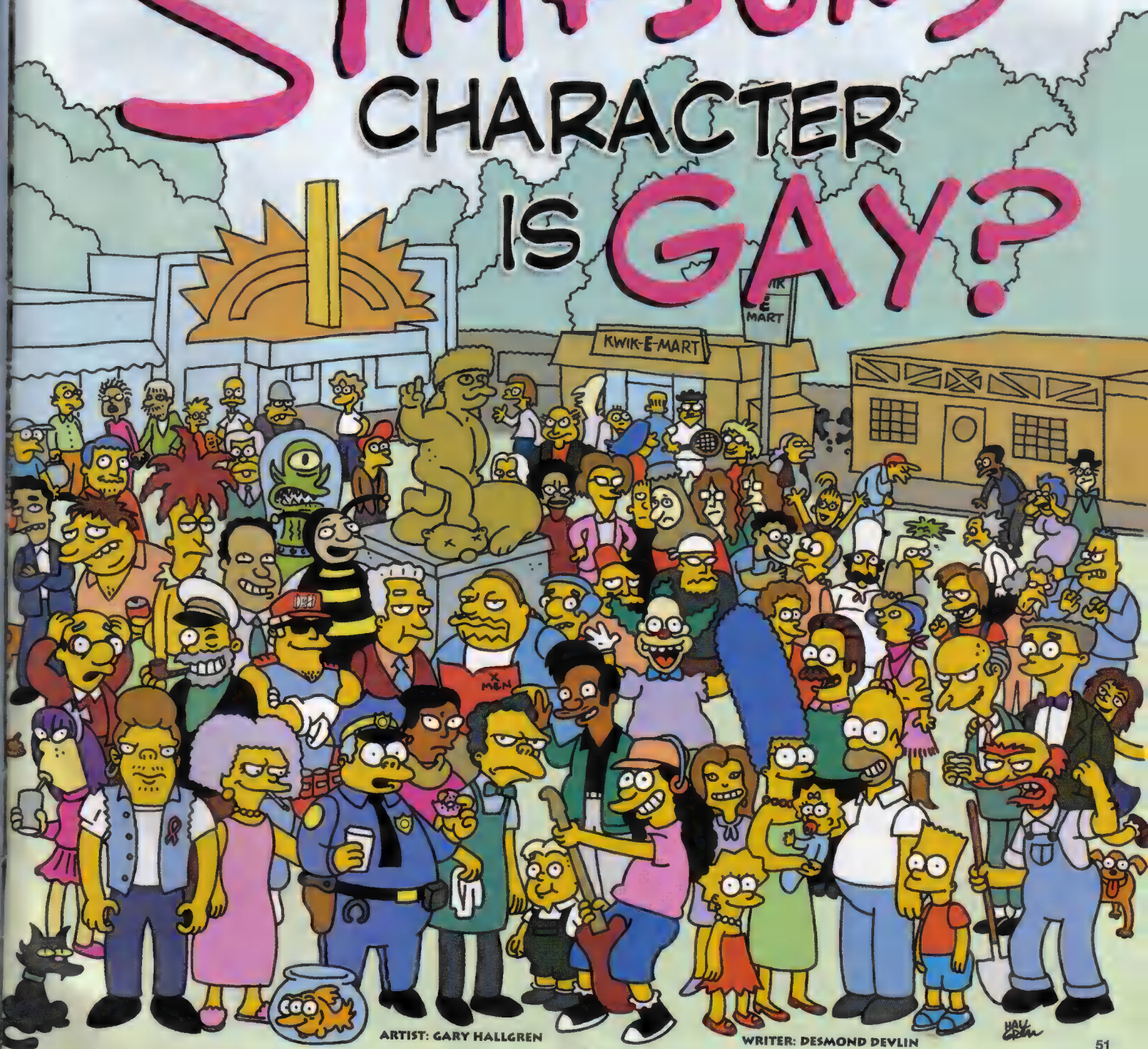
PERSONALLY, I'VE HAD MY DOSE OF REALITY TV. WHEN I WAS ON SURVIVOR JR., MY ONLY "REWARD" WAS SCURVY.*
GREAT! SEE IF YOU CAN GET SICK ON OUR SHOW, TOO!
*ACTUALLY OUR HERO GOT SCURVY AND A TRUCK! SEE ISSUES #438, 439 & 440!
THE OSBOURNES, ANNA NICOLE, THE GOTTIS, NICK AND JESSICA... WHERE DOES IT END— "RICHARD SIMMONS' RESTROOM ROMPS"?
WHATEVER.
"RESTROOM ROMPS"? OOO...ME LIKEY. CAN I HAVE THAT?
WHAT THE...? WHERE'S MOM?
SHE'S OFF TO BE WITH HER NEW FAMILY.
WOW, SHE DIDN'T EVEN SAY GOODBYE.
ACTUALLY, SHE WAS VERY ENTHUSIASTIC. MOST OF THE WIVES NEED AN ETHER RAG OVER THEIR PIE HOLE JUST TO GET THEM IN THE VAN.
DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME TALKING, SON, EAT UP! Y'ALL MAKE MARY-KATE OLSEN LOOK LIKE KIRSTIE ALLEY.
MMMM... THAT KIRSTIE ALLEY, SHE'S GOT SOME NICE MUD FLAPS!
KEEP IT IN YOUR PANTS, OLD TIMER.
YOU GOTTA EXCUSE THEM, WE HAVEN'T HAD A HOT MEAL IN A WHILE.
WHAT WENT ON? DOESN'T YOUR MOM COOK?
SHE'S OCCASIONALLY USED THESE POTS FOR HITTING MY DAD.
OR STEAMING OPEN AN ENVELOPE.
AND THAT TIME MY TOILET STOPPED WORKING.
I'M GOING TO BE SICK!
MEANWHILE, ACROSS TOWN...
SO, UM, WHAT EXACTLY ARE WE HAVING FOR DINNER?
SPAGHETTI WITH VODKA SAUCE. ONLY I MAKE IT WITHOUT THE SPAGHETTI, OR THE SAUCE.
MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST ORDER A PIZZA.
SURE, MAYBE YOUR DAD AND I CAN DO SOME "BIOLOGICAL DEMONSTRATIONS" FOR YOU.
CAN YOU HELP ME WITH MY BIOLOGY HOMEWORK AFTER DINNER, NEW MOM?
BETTER LET ME HELP YOU ALONE, SON.
HE'S GOTTA GROW UP SOMEDAY, PAL... BURP.

SNIFF
YEAH, THAT ETHER RAG REMINDS ME OF MY FIRST DATE WITH YOUR MOM.
WOW, DAD. ARE YOU CRYING?
THE NEXT DAY...
WELL, IF IT AIN'T MY NEW FAMILY! GET ON IN HERE, SUPPER'S ON THE TABLE!
SUPPER?
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D HEAR THOSE WORDS!
YOU MEAN NO CAT FOOD FOR ME TONIGHT?! YIPPEE!!
I'M TERRY. BUT FOR THE NEXT WEEK, YOU CAN CALL ME MAMA.
THANKS FOR THE FOOD, MAMA. MMMPH.
WHAT'D I SAY?
SUGAR, YOU ALL READY FOR SCHOOL TOMORROW? NEED SOME HELP WITH YOUR HOMEWORK?
WHAT? YOU CAN HELP WITH HOME-WORK!?
OF COURSE! DOESN'T YOUR MOM HELP YOU WITH MATH AND ENGLISH?
SHE ONCE TAUGHT ME HOW TO MAKE HER A 7&7.
DEAR LORD, LET'S CRACK THOSE BOOKS.
WOW, MONROE, NICE JOB ON THE MATH QUIZ.
YEAH, I HARDLY HAD TO COPY OFF THE CHINESE KIDS.
BOYS
ALL BECAUSE OF YOUR NEW MOTHER?
I'M GLAD THE SHOW IS WORKING OUT FOR YOU, MONROE...
YOU KNOW WHAT? I THINK SO. I FINALLY HAVE A good mom.
...I JUST WISH YOUR FILM CREW DIDN'T HAVE TO FOLLOW US INTO THE BATHROOM. THIS IS WICKED AWKWARD!
JUST ACT LIKE WE'RE NOT HERE!
MAN, I CAN'T WAIT TO SHOW THIS QUIZ TO MY NEW MOM...


C PLUS?!?
YEAH, ISN'T THAT AWESOME?!
IT MAKES ME SICK! DON'T TAKE IT PERSONAL, BUT AT YOUR AGE MY REAL SON WAS IN PRE-LAW.
MY OLD MOM ALWAYS BATTLES DISAPPOINTMENT WITH A HIGHBALL.
NOT WHEN I HAVE THIS MUCH CLEANING LEFT TO DO. WHAT'S IN THIS ROOM?
THAT'S BABY PERRY'S NURSERY.
DEAR GOD, THERE'S A BABY IN HERE?!?! HOW COME NO ONE MENTIONED THIS?
MY MOM ALWAYS INSISTS HE CAN TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF.
KID, YOU SHOULD HAVE CHILD SERVICES ON SPEED DIAL.
EVERYTHING OK?
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
I'M FINE, JUST WASHING YOUR VOMIT OUT OF MY HAIR.
LET ME MAKE IT UP TO YOU WITH A NICE LOOFAH SCRUBDOWN.
DEAR LORD! I'M A MARRIED MAN!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, THIS IS FOR SWEEPS WEEK.
BUT MAMA, DAD DIDN'T MEAN IT!
COME ON, SUGAR. THERE ARE CERTAIN PERKS BEING "MARRIED" TO YOURS TRULY.
IF I WANTED TO DO SOMETHING THAT REVOLTING, I WOULD HAVE BEEN ON FEAR FACTOR! I'M OUT OF HERE!
LATER...
SO YOU TRIED TO...?
AND YOU TRIED TO...?
AWESOME!
SMACK!
LOOKS LIKE YOU TWO DESERVE EACH OTHER AFTER ALL. SCUM AND SCUMMIER.
DAMN RIGHT! AND YOU KNOW WHAT? SCREW SPOUSE EXCHANGE! THERE'S ALWAYS EXTREME MAKEOVER!
TRIPLE D's, HERE I COME!
B. WRAY TONY B.

A few months back, hairy *Simpsons* creator Matt Groening teased his fans with the news that one of the show's recurring characters is gay, and will be coming out of the closet this season. As you can imagine, this tantalizing trifecta of "Simpsons, spoilers and sodomy" set the internet aflame! Fans immediately started speculating about the sex lives of every character ever to appear on the show, down to the fish with the three eyeballs. But that was just a bunch of amateurish, unsubstantiated babble. Make room for *professional* unsubstantiated babble! We've got a queer eye for the yellow guy, as we finger the most likely answers to the big question...

WHICH SIMPSONS CHARACTER IS GAY?



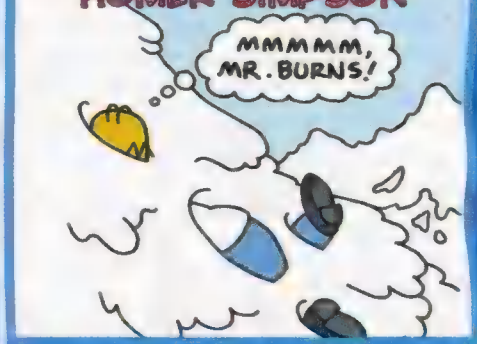
ARTIST: GARY HALLGREN

WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN

BART SIMPSON

In the fourth season, Bart had a pet. Anybody seen that hamster lately?

HOMER SIMPSON



While trapped in an avalanche, fantasized about eating Mr. Burns. (To the U.S. heartland: don't worry, it might've only been normal, good-natured American cannibalism.)

LISA SIMPSON

Seeing her parents' straight marriage up close is an as compelling a motive there is for her to "switch

KENT BROCKMAN

Everybody knows that the last heterosexual working in local TV news retired in 1998.

APU

The sign in his window says "Open 24 Hours," but are we positive it's referring to the store?

WAYLON SMITHERS

If for no reason other than no Simpsons fan would ever see it coming.

NED FLANDERS

Is there a more "diddily" guy in town?

DR. HIBBERT

Owns way, way, way too many "inappropriate, even for a doctor" X-ray photos.

BUMBLEBEE MAN

For all we know, he's a queer too.

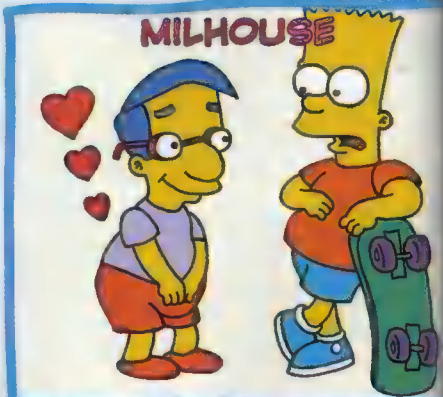
MONTGOMERY BURNS

Once mistaken for a space alien (and everybody knows about those guys' unquenchable taste for anal probes).

COMIC BOOK GUY

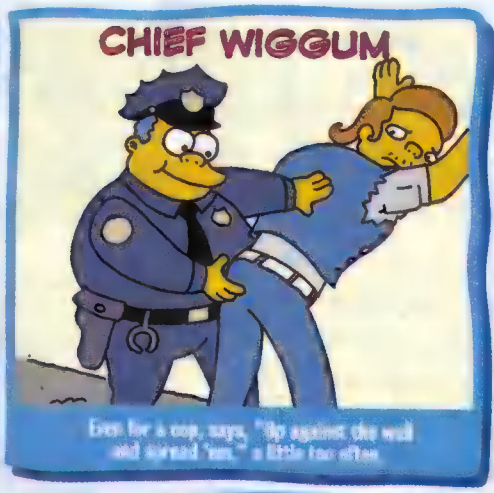
Never seen with a girlfriend...oh, wait, that's because he's a comic book guy, not because he's gay. Sorry.

MILHOUSE



Sidekicks are ALWAYS gay: Robin the Boy Wonder, Ron Weasley, John Edwards...

Counting the extra 20 inches of her hairdo, she's got the perfect WNBA profile.



Even for a cop, says, "Up against the wall and spread 'em," a little too often.

Ripping abs, no underpants, a breezy lilt... dressed like that, Willie could be Grand Marshal of the most Gay Pride parade.

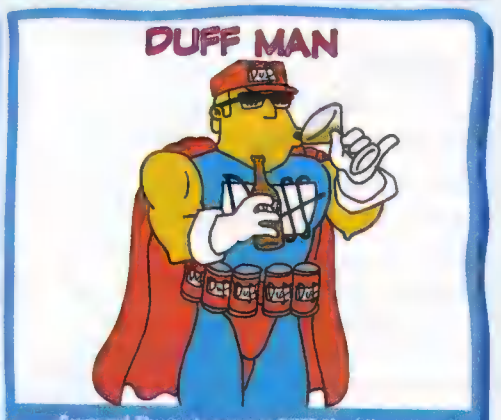
With all that time spent in prison, it was inevitable.

Has spent more time facedown in a restroom than any other man in Springfield.

Always struck me as a little light in the loafers.

The only male in showbiz to spend more on makeup than he/she.

Character's staggering irrelevance allows the left-wing *Simpsons* writers to feel hip and topical, without pissing off the conservative advertisers or the Bush-humping FOX executives.



Come on! The guy's name is DUFF Man! How wide open does he have to kick that closet door?

Who says all those hairballs she coughs up come from her?

Has a gentle and loving touch whenever he drives a stickshift.

He's around drunk guys all day long — things happen.

LINES *CUT* FROM 2005 INAU

When a great man speaks, he draws upon his life's wisdom and experience to express to others what he is truly thinking. In the President's case, those are precisely the thoughts his handlers DON'T want expressed! Like the thoughts found in these...

"In the months ahead, I look forward to drinking again, secure in the knowledge that there's not a damn thing the voters can do to me now..."

"Our nation is guided by a power much higher than any of us here, by which I mean the oil industry..."

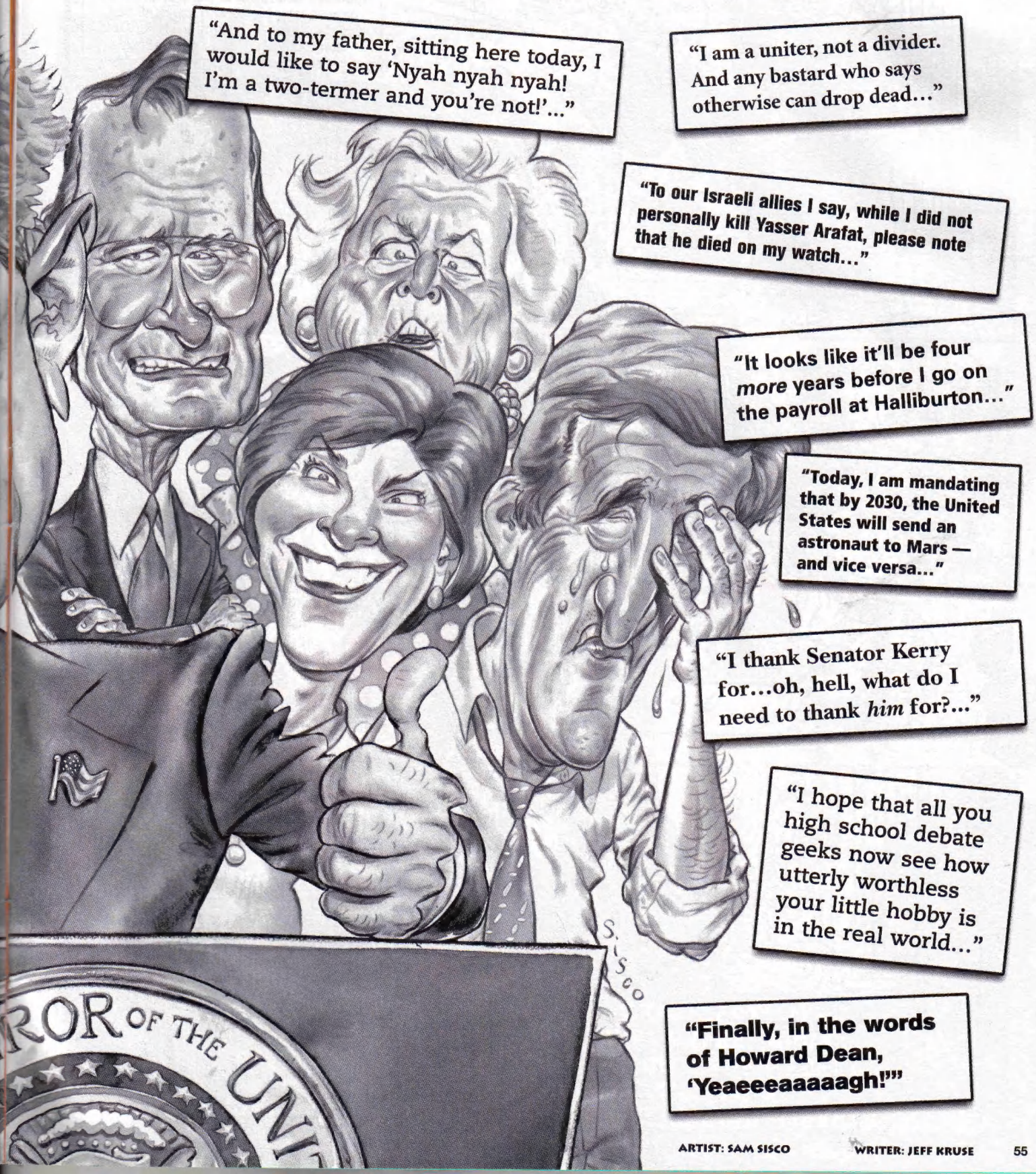
"There were even some cynics who claimed that Osama bin Laden would be conveniently captured right before the election. I stand here today vindicated by the fact that we still have no idea where he is..."

"This election was not only about electing a President. It was also about electing enough GOP Congressmen to make impeachment mathematically impossible..."

"I offer my deepest thanks to Vice President Cheney, whose daughter's sexually deviant lifestyle took much of the spotlight away from the boozed-up personal lives of *my* daughters..."

"We are all Americans today, whether you are black or white; male or female; whether you call Jesus your Lord, or are destined for eternal hellfire..."

GEORGE W. BUSH'S GURATION SPEECH


"And to my father, sitting here today, I would like to say 'Nyah nyah nyah! I'm a two-termer and you're not!'..."
"I am a uniter, not a divider. And any bastard who says otherwise can drop dead..."
"To our Israeli allies I say, while I did not personally kill Yasser Arafat, please note that he died on my watch..."
"It looks like it'll be four *more* years before I go on the payroll at Halliburton..."
"Today, I am mandating that by 2030, the United States will send an astronaut to Mars — and vice versa..."
"I thank Senator Kerry for...oh, hell, what do I need to thank *him* for?..."
"I hope that all you high school debate geeks now see how utterly worthless your little hobby is in the real world..."
"Finally, in the words of Howard Dean, 'Yeaeeeaaaaagh!'"
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S. Sisco

ARTIST: SAM SISCO WRITER: JEFF KRUSE

ANOTHER MORNING ON FIFTH AVENUE

This is my **personal bathroom.** It has to be **the best, most fabulous bathroom in the world!** I want **you** on your **hands and knees** all day **cleaning it.** And if I come back here and **don't like** what I **see, you're fired!**
@☆@#@!
VRRRRRR
VRRRRRR

ARTIST: PAUL COKER WRITER: DUCK EDWING

WHAT CONTROVERSIAL TRANSPORTATION ISSUE HAS POLITICIANS IN AN UPROAR?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

MAD FOLD-IN

In these tumultuous times, safety remains a big concern. One can never be too careful, and our elected officials are going to great lengths to protect us during our travels. There is, however, one area that continues to be an unsolvable problem. To find out what it is, fold page in as shown.

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TENSION IS COMMON AMONG TRAVELERS. TENS OF THOUSANDS SUFFER EVERYWHERE. SOON POLICE WILL BE REQUIRED TO QUIET THE RACKET FRUSTRATED PEOPLE MAKE. IT'LL BE A ROTTEN DAY WHEN THEY START ISSUING TICKETS

A

ARTIST AND WRITER: AL JAFFEE

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